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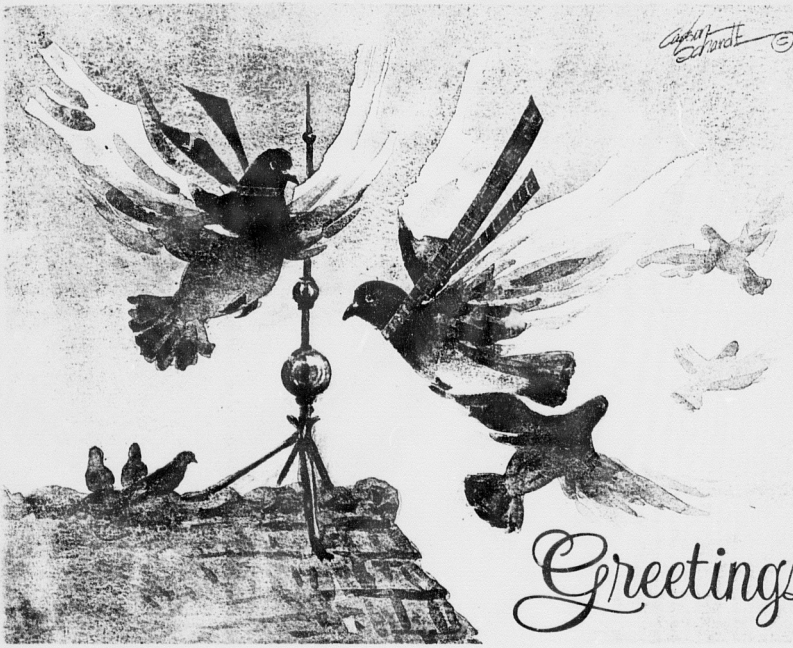
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Rec'd 1-6-1997
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# Greetings

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

and the New Year

Joe Russo
Edward Baranowski
Gene Davis

Jim Kvidera
Wayne Tomasic
Stanley Ozozalek

S. Robert Powell
Howard Kogan
Kenneth Barnes
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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

We regret the delay in getting the December Bulletin out to you, particularly our Season Greetings issue.

All the material, 13 double pages of news, was lost in the Christmas mail somewhere along the line. I mailed the material to Joe Russo on December 5th, but he has not received it right up until December 21st. Therefore, we will have to send you what we have and hope that the lost Bulletin will show up at a later date so that we may pass it on to all of you.

In the lost material was some nice pictures of John Kleis and his loft plus a picture of Ron Sloan's loft. Also, some great pictures sent in by Kemo Basic and Dave Dean, featuring the OTU news, pictures of Harry Shannon's visit to Tom Rankin's house and Dave Dean's favorite Tippler. I do have a copy of some of this material and it is in this Bulletin.
There was also a picture of some of the Massachusetts contingent of the FTA at the Little Rhody Pigeon Fanciers' Show in November at Pawtucket, R.I., (Ray Salter, Bela Kiss and my self.) Now you won't know what we look like.

Again, our regrets for the delay in mailing out the Bulletins.

Jerry O'Rourke

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that this finds you all about to enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season. May your birds winter over well and get off to a great breeding and flying season when they come.

Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will find the results of the membership balloting on the proposed changes to the FTA Constitution and Fly Rules. I would like to thank those of you who took the time to participate in determining the direction of the club's future.

The National Young Bird Show in Louisville, Ky was again a great show. Over 6800 pigeons from all over the U.S. and Canada. As usual there were a number of Tippler fanciers in attendance, and plenty of bird talk. The number of Tipplers in the show was an improvement over last years total disappointment, but still a far cry from what we used to have years back. I think we may have had more fanciers than birds. As always it is nice to see Oskar and Harry come down from Toronto for the visit, and Wally from Buffalo. Don Piscowicz from Indiana. Even had Ed Buraczewski from Long Island make it down. I understand Rosine, Ed's wife, was there too, but unfortunately our paths never crossed that weekend. Sorry I missed you Ro. Murray Gaskins came up from Georgia with another box of genetic goodies that were spread to many lofts. I took home a real pretty one that will be subjected to some analysis. Gary Hulst joined in too. Think the best Tippler went to Cusick. I am sure that I may have missed a name or two from the group and apologize if I have. Guess I will have to start taking better notes.

I would like to thank Jerry an Joe for all the work that they have done in putting together interesting, informative and good looking FTA Bulletins and look forward to them continuing on their endeavors. It is that time of the year again in which we all need to send in our dues, band orders, etc. for the next year. When you do, drop a line or two of news for them to include in an upcoming Bulletin - number of pairs that you plan to breed from, strains, plans for upcoming kits, anything that you care to share with the rest of the membership.

Based upon the election results the FTA will be offering a Winter fly schedule. Dates are yet to be set, but it will probably be starting late February or early March. If you are interested in competing please contact Jerry O'Rourke, Central Timer. The Executive Board will be working on setting the dates shortly.

Best wishes
Jim

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have a change of address, would you be good enough to notify us so that we may make a change on the Membership List. If you do not, you might miss an issue of the Bulletin. Notify Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062.

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Here is an Ann Landers column that appeared in a recent Boston Globe that I though might be of interest to our members:

"A PIGEON HOMED IN ON HER HUSBAND"

Dear Ann Landers:

I saw you on Oprah Winfrey's show a while back. I was intrigued when you mentioned the letter from a woman who put her parakeet in the closet when she undressed for bed because seeing her nude turned the bird on. I have a similar story:

My husband raised pedigreed homing pigeons for nearly 40 years. I saw them in a variety of moods. One of the funniest episodes involved a female pigeon that definitely had a crush on my husband. Every time he stood near the landing board attached to her coop, she would drop her wings, fan out her tail and strut back and forth in front of his face and coo. Th;is is definitely courtship bahavior, and it was hilarious to watch. The truth is that pigeon had a "thing" for my husband.

Don't be too quick to jump to conclusions about animal or bird behavior, Ann. Our feathered friends are more like us than you think. I wish now I had taped that pigeon's act. To describe it is one thing, but to see it was truly amazing. BIRD WATCHER IN MAYNARD, MA.

Ann's Answer:

We all have seen peacocks display their gorgeous feathers in the flirting mode, but I didn't know pigeons did it, too. Unfortunatgely, most people think of pigeons as rather oridinary birds who mess up statues in the park. Thanks for a more flattering image.

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BEST LOOKING BIRD

Some time ago, Kemo Basic came up with what I thought was a great idea, but the papers got lost in the shuffle when we changed Secretaries. So, let's try it again. Kemo suggested that each member send in a picture of the bird that he considers to be his best looking bird. To start it off, Kemo sent in this picture of his mealy cock bird, FTA91-2335, which was bred by Walter Wiuechec and is now owned by Kemo.

You will have to admit that this is one fine looking bird.

This is a worthy project for this time of year when flying competitons are over and we are locking up things for the Winter. If you wish, you can also send in a picture or two of your Loft while you are at it. You can send these pictures to me with a note, and I will for them on to our Secretary Joe Russo for publication in an upcoming Bulletin.

All we are asking is that you take a picture of your best looking bird in your loft and tell us a little about it. It would be nice to see each other's birds. A picture of each member and his Loft would be fine also.

Now, let's get behind Kemo's idea and show some response to this project. Send to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062.

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Kemo Basic sent in the Ontario Tippler Union article for the Bulletin. Pictures by David Dean. It is a great article on the happenings at the OTU and their special guest visitor, Mr. Harry Shannon of Ireland.

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+1997 Dues

We have a question on the Current Ballot sent our by Presiden Tim Kvidera concerning the paying of dues from January to January each year. At the present time I do not know the results yet, but the majority of our members' dues are due in January anyways.
The following members are due in month indicated and any member whose dues are due in April and after will be notified in the April Bulletin:

JANUARY - Wiechec, Zovich, Russo, Jimenez, Smith, Sandifer, Rotschi, Kleis, ORourke, Morden, Kvidera, Begert, Contala, Getka, Young, Carlson, Rankin, Britt, Powell, Misa, A. Fuller, D. Fuller, Hulst, Rugaber, Slater, Bosse, Seibel, Kellerman, Pisowicz, Kapac, Giammarino, Lanting, Wilbanks,Maleknasri, Tagami, Bongiovanni, Gaskens and Rado.

FEBRUARY - Baker, Buraczewski, Marsella, Kiss, Ogozalek, Kleis,Jr., Kehrer Lukez, Dean and Kobulsky.

MARCH - Schwartz, Basic, Garcia, George and Gary James and Tomsic.

While not obligated to do so, any of the above members may pay their dues in January if they wish. And, please make all checks payable to the FTA for your Dues and Band orders.

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+A SPECIAL THANKS IS DUE TO:

John Kleis, Sr. -John sent in some nice pictures of his Loft and beautiful backyard. He also sent in a few pictures of himself and his winning YBs at the Hudson Valley Pigeon Club held recently in Rhinebeck, NY.

Dave Dean - Dave sent in some great pictures of his Pakistanian Tipplers and some background on them. He also furnished us with letter of endorsement from the Brampton Pigeon Club acknowledging his outstanding birds. Also a nice picture and note on the happenings at the OTU for which we are grateful.

Kemo Basic - Kemo sent us some wonderful pictures of Harry Shannon's visit to Tom Rankin's family in Toronto. Also, some very valuable tips from Mr. Shannon on Young Tippler training and feeding. I particularly liked Kemo's pictures of Irish birds and his very funny Notice on the Canadian Journal of Tippler Medicine regarding the IRISH DELIGHTS. Incidentally, in case you missed it, the Telephone numbers given are 19:40 in 93 and 22:05 in 95, the Tippler world flying records. (Very clever, Kemo.)

Kemo told me on the phone how grateful he was to his good friend, Tom Rankin, for inviting him to meet with Mr. Shannon. Kemo spoke very highly of Tom and what a great credit he is to the Tippler fancy.

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# FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAG

Ron Sloan, 115 Greenwoos Rd., East., Norfolk, CT., 06058

Ron Sloan and his lovely wife, Susan, paid me a visit this past August. I had promised Ron a couple of my Black Lovatts which he wanted to breed with his family of birds. Ron brought me up three mottled young birds and a Red. They are beautiful looking birds, and I have the mottles flying now as a kit, and they look good. Ron and Susan did not stay too long, but we had some nice Tippler talk during the time they were here. There is a picture of Ron's Loft elsewhere in this Bulletin. Jerry O'Rourke

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John Kleis, Sr., 423 Dugan Rd., Richfield Springs, NY. 13439

Dear Jerry: Thanks a lot for the fly results. I feel so bad for Howard Kogan about his hawk problems - damn shame. I am not sure whether I am going to fly this weekend. The weather is supposed to be really bad both days. If at all possible I'll send something up for the fly. I hope you and yours are well and things are okay for you.

I hate the thought of the winter coming on, but I went through 77 of them and I guess one or two more won't make much difference. Enclosed are a couple of pictures of my Loft and backyard. s/John Kleis

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ur former Secretary, Robert Powell, sent us in this letter which he received from Chet Kapa, 3805 Hunt Rd., Mayville, MI. 18744

Hello Robert: Oct. 14,1996

Re-reading all my past Flying Tippler Bulletins, listening to my favorite Sax player, Boots Randolph, on records I've had for years. Anyways, on the back of the March 15, 1995, Bulletin, the article on Barley stating it as a training feed for the Tipplers. Also, this person wanted to know where Barley could be bought. We have in our area a farmer that grows Barley for seed and for the beer companies. The Barley is de-bearded and air-cleaned, and it is the best I have ever seen.

It is bagged in 48 pound paper bags. It has the nice cream color to it. When I raised Homing pigeons, I used to bag 500 pounds at a time. But since I had to quit racing two years ago due to the pigeon lung disease.

His name is Donald Keinath, 675 E. Akron Rd., Caro, MI., 48723. Phone is 1-517-673-4211

When I did buy the Barley from him, nearly all of the Racing Club members from the East Side Racing Club from St. Clair bought Barley by the Pickup load. He does ship Barley all over the USA. His price used to be $6.75 per 48 lb. bag.

Well on October 12, 1996, I finally flew my Tippler squeakers. They went to a medium height for 2½ hours. I was really proud of them, a nice tight kit and small circle. These birds are Dale Peters from Dale Peters' cock birds I bought from him some years back. The hens were from Nathan Benner, and were originally from Dale Peters stock. Then the other youngsters were from Udo Begert's Tipplers stock birds. Sure am pleased. In 1997 I'll have a pure Dale Peters MacClesfields. These I will fly by themselves being that Dale sold me a bunch of hens. Thank you again, Dale. I sure like those flying wings on Dales' birds. I have 2 youngsters in the fly pen now; they are only 28 days old and they are beauties. What's the sense of keeping pigeons if you can't brag about them, HA HA.

I don't know what happened to all my Hawk problems. I haven't seen

any since early September. I'm guessing the Owls are eating them. Sure have a lot of Owls. Being I'm on Harmon Lake and a huge swamp southweat of me. Oh well, Owls have to eat too.

I'm going to keep flying the birds as long as I can, hoping into December. I'm still hoping I'll hear from a Tippler flyer that has the crowned Tipplers. I'm hoping to band at least 60 young the coming year.

PS notation: I'm going to try the fly by the late Nelson Balmer of Canada feeding. It was a reprint in the March 15,1995 Bulletin, Page. Thanks again for your time.
I sent my last Bulletin to my friend, Ken Parrish at Gaylord, MI. He was a Tippler flyer at one time. Otherwise I would have sent in my dues. I know they are up. Are the bands going to be 15 cents each for 1997? s/Chet Kapa

Chet: Bands for 1997 are $25.00 per hundred. $6.25 per lot of 25.
Dues are now $15.00 per year. Fly entry fee is $3.00 per fly.
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# Tales of Yesteryear . . .

*By JACK PRESCOTT*

## THE WINCOBANK GHOST BUSTERS

Wincobank Hill overlooks the River Don valley and the east end of Sheffield. It is a familiar landmark – the Romans occupied the hill during their time in England, almost 2,000 years ago (a little before my time).

Various items have been excavated from Wincobank Hill and some of these are on display in our Western Park Museum. Part of this hill is known as the Roman Ridges.

During the 1930s the hill was a barren, desolate place; there were, however, a few allotments at the base of the hill. It so happened that the hill was ideal for Tipplers – it faced south and our prevailing south and south-westerly winds cause an updraught.

Two brothers who lived at Bubwith Road took over an allotment and did very well with Tipplers. They won the Whitsuntide Fly with fourteen hours ten minutes in 1934. Sixteen contestants took part with the brothers winning a cash prize of £4, a brass trophy, several sponsored prizes from local tradespeople, including 56 lbs of barley, 28 lbs of potatoes, a 2½ lb joint of beef, one pair of boots and 20 Woodbines.

Training a kit of seven into darkness and using two paraffin storm lanterns, along with two Cumulet x Fantail droppers, it came to pass that the two lads were on the hill at 11 pm. Suddenly, a white shape was seen and the two lads fled.

The following night, at 11 pm, the white shape appeared. The two lads stood their ground as the white shape approached, down the path. They fled, however, being convinced that a ghost was present.

After a discussion and four nights later, three other men joined in the surveillance, but nothing was seen. A few nights later, however, all five ghost-watchers saw the ghost and fled. Having gained some courage a more organised project was launched on the following night. The two young brothers, two ex-soldiers and another young fellow, set up an ambush. They lay in wait, in cover with several missiles.

At 11 pm the ghost appeared and an attack was launched. The ghost was knocked down and after a time the men found courage to take a lantern and examine their work. The very badly injured body of Mr John William Parker, of Tyler Street, Wincobank, was found. He worked at a bakery over the hill and was going home from work clad in white overalls and dusted with flour. He certainly looked the part of a ghost, but he had no idea at the time.

The outcome was that five men were accused of grievous bodily harm, to John William Parker, who had been detained in hospital for thirteen days. After listening to the case, His Worship Charles Henry Froddingham spoke: 'This is a disgusting affair and I award all five men one year's imprisonment, with hard labour. However, I will suspend this sentence provided that they do not come before the court for a period of two years. I also place on public record that this behaviour will not so leniently be dealt with as from this day. Furthermore, I have noticed that there is an appallingly economical distribution of good sense and a most liberal distribution of stupidity among the pigeon fraternity of Sheffield. Case dismissed.'

The officer of courts called attention: 'This court will rise and the room will be cleared. God save the King.'

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Central Timer's Annual Report

The amount of $230.50 was received in entrance fees for the 10 competitive flys in 1996 from the following members:

| Member | Amount | Reports Requested | Flys Entered |
|---|---|---|---|
| S. Basic | $10.00 | 3 | 1 |
| A. Fuller | 18.00 | 9 | 9 |
| G. Hulst | 9.00 | 6 | 5 |
| L. Kapac | 9.00 | 3 | 0 |
| R. Kehrer | 6.00 | 4 | 2 |
| J. Kleis, Sr. | 21.00 | 7 | 7 |
| H. Kogan | 21.00 | 7 | 5 |
| T. Kvidera | 9.00 | 3 | 2 |
| M. Marsella | 6.00 | 2 | 1 |
| J. Mazaran | 12.00 | 4 | 3 |
| R. Morden | 30.00 | 10 | 2 |
| J. O'Rourke | 24.00 | 8 | 8 |
| S. Ogozalek | 3.00 | 1 | 1 |
| J. Russo | 21.00 | 7 | 7 |
| H. J. Smith | 13.50 | 9 | 3 |
| O. Zovich | 18.00 | 6 | 1 |
| | $230.50 | 89 | 57 |

2. REGULAR DIPLOMA AWARDS FOR 1996 WERE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

| Member | Diplomas | Official System | Honor System |
|---|---|---|---|
| S. Basic | 1 | | 14:08 |
| J. O'Rourke | 1 | | 12:51 |
| R. Kehrer | 1 | | 12:14 |
| J. Russo | 1 | | 12:55 |
| A. Fuller | 1 | | 09:43 |
| H. Kogan | 2 | | 09:01 08:33 |
| H. J.Smith | 1 | | 10:06 |
| R. Morden | 1 | | 09:37 |
| G. Hulst | 2 | | 08:16 09:39 |
| | 11 Total | | |

3. AGGREGATE DIPLOMA AWARDS FOR 1996 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

J. Russo with one fly totaling 07:31 Hours.

HONOR SYSTEM

A. Fuller with 9 flys totaling 43:46 hours.

4. THE WINNERS OF EACH OF THE 10 FLY SERIES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

| Member | Series | Official | Honor | Award Money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| None | Spring I | None | | None |
| S. Basic | " | | 14:08 | $14.00 |
| None | Spring II | None | | None |
| J. Russo | " | | 12:55 | 13.00 |
| None | Spring III | None | None | None |
| None | Summer I | None | | None |
| A. Fuller | | | 09:43 | 10.00 |
| None | Summer II | None | | None |
| H. Kogan | " | | 09:01 | 9.00 |
| None | Summmer III | None | | None |
| H. J. Smith | " | | 10:06 | 10.00 |
| None | Fall I | None | | None |
| R. Morden | " | | 09:37 | 10.00 |
| None | Fall II | None | | None |
| H. Kogan | " | | 08:33 | 9.00 |
| None | Fall III | None | | None |
| G. Hulst | " | | 09:39 | 10.00 |
| None | Fall IV | None | None | None |

Total -$85.00

Award money will be forwarded to the winners in lieu of trophies.

5. ADDITIONS TO THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES IN FTA HISTORY:

| Name | Fly | Time | Position | System |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S. Basic | Spring I | 14:08 | 14th | Honor |
| A. Fuller | Summer I | 09:43 | 19th | Honor |
| H.J. Smith | Summer III | 10:06 | 17th | Honor |

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*. SUMMARY OF 1996 ANNUAL FLY REPORT

The 1996 Fly Season was a definite improvement over 1995. We had 16 flyers participating in our competitions. Comparitive years were as follows:

| Year | Fly Reports Requested | Flys Entered |
|---|---|---|
| 1995 | 54 | 34 |
| 1996 | 89 | 57 |

Kemo Basic had the best fly time of the year in the Spring I fly with a time of 14:08, closely followed in the same fly by J. O'Rourke with a 12:51 and R. Kehrer with a 12:14 fly.Our Secretary, Joe Russo, had the 2nd best time of the year with a 12:55 in the Spring II fly. Harry Smith turned in a very nice 10:06 fly in the Summer III competition. Ross Morden had a 937 Fly in Fall I fly ; Gary Hulst had a 9:39 in the Fall III fly and our Jr. Member, Andy Fuller, flew his birds for a 9:43 time in the Summer I YB fly. (This is the 6th best time ever recorded in this Series so it is quite a feat for this young man.) I might also mention here that Andy and his father, Dave Fuller, flew in 9 out of 9 competitions entered and did not have a DQ in any of them. Also, John Kleis flew 7 out of 7 entered, Joe Russo flew 7 also, and Howard Kogan flew in 5 of 7; Gary Hulst flew 5 of 6 entered. I would like to commend these flyers for their great participation and thanks to our other flyers who participated in the 1996 flys.

A total of 11 Diplomas were awarded this year Howard Kogan and Gary Hulst each won two Diplomas. Gary ia always up there in the Aggregate hours flown and Howard has really shown great improvement in flying times with his birds particularly since he has quite a bit of Hawk problems.

Now is the time to start planning for the 1997 Breeding Season and getting those birds ready for the 1997 competitions. Every year at this time I say the same old refrain, but we would like to have more of our members enter the fly competitions nest year. If you cannot compete, how about turning in some articles for the Bulletin. We would be glad to hear from each of you. Thanks to all for a good year.

Jerry O'Rourke

Jerry O'Rourke
Central Timer

6. ADDITIONS TO THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES IN EACH SERIES:

| Name | Fly | Time | Position | System |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S. Basic | Spring I | 14:08 | 3rd | Honor |
| J. O'Rourke | " | 12:51 | 10th | Honor |
| R. Kehrer | " | 12:14 | 13th | Honor |
| J. Russo | Spring II | 12:55 | 13th | Honor |
| A. Fuller | SummerI | 09:43 | 6th | Honor |
| H. J. Smith | Summer III | 10:06 | 12th | Honor |
| R. Morden | Fall I | 09:37 | 13th | Honor |
| J. O'Rourke | Fall IV | 07:52 | 16th | Honor |
| J. Kleis,Sr. | Fall IV | 06:23 | 18th | Honor |

7. AGGREGATE FLY TIMES FOR 1996 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

| Name | No. Flys | Official System | Honor System |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. Fuller | 9 | | 43 Hrs.,46 Mins. |
| J. Kleis, Sr. | 7 | | 40 Hrs.,17 Mins. |
| J. O'Rourke | 8 | | 39 Hrs.,35 Mins. |
| G. Hulst | 5 | | 32 Hrs.,05 Mins. |
| H. Kogan | 5 | | 23 Hrs.,55 Mins. |
| R. Kehrer | 2 | | 19 Hrs.,27 Mins. |
| S. Basic | 1 | | 14 Hrs.,08 Mins. |
| J. Russo | 6 | | 12 Hrs.,55 Mins. |
| J. Russo | 1 | 7 Hrs., 31 Mins. | |
| H. J. Smith | 3 | | 10 Hrs.,06 Mins. |
| R. Morden | 2 | | 9 Hrs.,37 Mins. |
| M. Marsella | 1 | | 7 Hrs.,19 Mins. |
| T. Kvidera | 2 | | 4 Hrs.,44 Mins. |
| J. Mazaran | 3 | | 0 Hrs., 0 Mins. |
| S. Ogozalek | 1 | | 9 Hrs., 0 Mins. |
| O. Zovich | 1 | | 0 Hrs., 0 Mins. |

Total Hours OFFICIAL SYSTEM -7 Hrs., 31 mins
Total Hours HONOR SYSTEM -257 Hrs., 54 Mins
Grand Total Hours -265 Hrs., 25 Mins

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Fall Series I - September 14/15

ANY AGE BIRDS

No entrants in OFFICIAL SYSTEM.

HONOR SYSTEM

Ross Morden - (09:37)

FTA96-1246,1244,1247,580, 590 and 597. Sex not listed. Released at 744AM and Fantail Droppers out at 521PM. All birds down at 540PM with last bird in trap at 550PM. Oskar Zovic witnessed some of this fly.

WEATHER:

Overcast. 53-70 Degrees. Winds from NE 12MPH and Humidity at 70%.

FLYER'S COMMNETS:

Young birds. First time feed-up for training - not too bad.

Gary Hulst - (08:16)

FTA96-1305,1308 and 1309. Three cocks. Black, Red, Red. Released at 704AM and Droppers out at 320PM. All down together at 320PM with last bird in trap at 405PM.

WEATHER:

Heavy clouds, rainy. 50 Degrees all day. Barometer 29.8. Winds 15-20 MPH from NW and Humidity at 100%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Very happy with the birds since it started raining at 830AM. Hope to get better time next time.

John Kleis, Sr. - (06:12)

FTA96-413 and 425 Cocks. FTA96-423 Hen. FTS96-831 Cock and FTS96-832 Hen. Five birds released at 835AM and all dropped on own accord at 247PM with last bird in trap at 253PM.

WEATHER:

Cloudy. 43-60 Degrees. Winds from SW at 10MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew through some light rain off and on. These five birds are my third round youngsters. All in all a nice fly - lot of high flying.

Dave Fuller- (03:37)

FTA96-1279,1281 and 1289. Birds released at 655AM and Droppers out at 1032AM with two down at 1034AM and one at 10:36AM with last bird in trap at 1036AM.

WEATHER:

Mostly clear. 73-88 Degrees. Winds from S at 10-15 MPH and Humidity 54%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Good day to fly - this kit is doing the best it can. Witnessed by Mary Anne and Paul Fuller.

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Howard Kogan - (DQ)

FTA96-554(C) 555(H) 558(C) 559(H) 563(H) 568(C) and 569(C). Seven birds released at 725AM and 5 down at 315PM. Hawk got two birds from this kit 558 and 559.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 50-76 Degrees. Barometer 29.83. No wind. Humidity 80-60%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

The worst hawk day this year for me! Hope to do better with what is left of this kit in the next fly!

Jon Mazaran - (DQ)

FTS96-208,(Mottle) 211(Mottle) 223(Grizzle) and 220 (Red). Birds released at 600AM and two down at 310PM and two down at 745PM.

WEATHER:

60-80 Degrees. Barometer 29.8. Light winds. Humidity 50%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

At 310PM two Tipplers landed on the Loft - other two on the wire. They did not fly in a long time. I hope next time they will land together.

Joe Russo - (DQ)

ATU96-11 and 15. FTA96-2400. Sex undetermined. Released at 735AM. Disqualified as storm moved in and birds split over an hour.

WEATHER:

Clear - storm. 61-75 Degrees. Barometer 29.86. Winds SWS at 10 MPH and Humidity 75%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

None.

# Tales of Yesteryear . . .

*By JACK PRESCOTT*

## TIPPLER HISTORY

Easter Monday 1902 – five members of the Club at Carbrook took part in the contest. Initially only referees and members were present, but by noon about forty men joined the observation of the five kits. Being lofted rather close to each other, it was possible to maintain surveillance from the fields at the rear of the Pheasant Inn.

No one will suggest that there is much excitement watching Tipplers for many hours . . . this is what happened – the crowd, including referees and owners, began a game of pitch and toss. This game was illegal and a problem in Sheffield due to the fighting and hooliganism that prevailed along with this coin-spinning activity.

A constable attempted to disperse the crowd, with no success. Later, a police sergeant and three constables arrived and waited nearby. The situation became ugly and the local militia were called to the scene. A captain, a sergeant and twenty-one men of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry arrived and the police, along with the soldiers, moved in.

Someone threw beer bottles at the soldiers. The captain spoke to his sergeant who then called the squad to attention and gave the order: 'Squad, Fix bayonets.' After a few scuffles everyone concerned was arrested and marched to the barracks. Forty-five men were charged and these included the referees. Result: seven shillings each in fines.

The Tippler contest obviously was abandoned, due to the detention of referees. Then up spoke Ben Stamp, who was the overall President of local clubs: 'The whole affair is a disgrace. I must insist that referees and contestants keep well clear of such spectators and especially when gambling is clearly taking place.'

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Fall Series II - Sept. 28/29

ANY AGE BIRDS

No entrants in Official System.

HONOR SYSTEM

H. KOGAN - (08:33)

FTA96-554,568,569 (three Cocks) and FTA96-555,559 and 56[illegible] (3 Hens) all released at 729AM and all downm together at 402PM with last bird in trap at 423PM.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy, 45-65 Degrees. Barometer 30.12S. Calm [illegible] AM and Northly breeze 8-12MPH in PM. Humidity 78-60%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
A beautiful day for man and beast!

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
This is Howard's second win this year. He is really coming along with his birds. Good job, Howard.

D. Fuller - (07:32)

FTA96-1279 Dk.BB, 1281 Bronze and 1289 Bk. Three hens released at 635AM and Droppers tossed at 207PM. Two down at 210PM and third 212PM with last bird in trap at 215PM. Witnessed by Mary Anne and Paul Fuller.

WEATHER:
Clear, 65-82 Degrees. Winds NE at 20-25 MPH and Humidity at 53%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Nice weather, nice fly. Kit still moulting. Pigeons were tired on return. They gave it all they had today.

J. O'Rourke - (07:21)

FTA96-540 BBar, FTS96-666, 667 and 671 three Mottles. Thee hens and once cock released at 954AM and Droppers out at 515PM and all four down together at 524PM with last bird in trap at 531PM.

WEATHER:
Clear. 60-71 Degrees. Barometer 30.08. Winds from S at 23 MPH with gusts to 30 MPH. Humidity at 64%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Late start in putting up kit. Great day for flying. I wish I could have put them up earlier as I had to call them down at 515PM because it is starting to get dark here at 6PM. Birds flew up in thermals all day, and this is their first competition.

NOTE:
As I was typing this Report, my neighbor came over with one of my Pigeons in a box, and it was dead. He said that a big brown bird attacked it as it was flying and knocked it down into his yard. This was a beautiful Light Print bird which I bred from birds given to me by Kemo Basic. The hawks always seem to get the good ones.

J. Kleis, Sr. - (03:54)

FTA96-431, 433, 427 (3 hens) and FTA96-426,406, 403 and 417 (4 Cocks) all released at 856AM and all birds droped on their own accord at 1250P and last bird in trap at 1259PM.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy with temperature at 43-52 Degrees.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Preety strong NW winds - Birds flew low most of fly. Strong winds whipped them.

J. Mazaran - (DQ)

FTS96-2086 Mottle, 211 Mottle, 218 Red, 220 Red and 223 Grtizzle. Two cocks and rest undetermined all released at 635AM and Droppers out at 320PM and all birds down at 325PM except 220 which disappeared from Kit at Noontime. Witnessed by Peter, Jon Jr., and Persa Mazaran.

WEATHER:
Medium to heavy cloud cover. 65-86 Degrees. Barometer 30.09. Winds from South at 15-20MPH and Humidity at 78%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Tipplers flew high most of day. Very happy with them. It got hot in the afternoon. Hope to do better next time.

T KVIDERA - (DQ))

FTA96-667, 669 and 671. Two cocks and one hen released at 655AM. Disqualified because 667 came down at 925AM and let the others fly on in good style. They did a little over 8 hours.

WEATHER:
48-60 Degrees. Winds from NW at 10-20 MPH. 85% Humidity. Barometer at 29.80 and mostly clear day.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Knew that 667 was not up to the other two, but had nothing else to fly. Am very happy with what 669 and 671 did with minimal training and little feed-up.

J. Russo - (DQ)

ATU96-11 Dun Cock. ATU96-15 Mottle Hen and FTA96-2400 Black released at 637AM. One bird down at 12:06PM and let the other two birds fly.

WEATHER:
Cloudy. 66-70 Degrees. Humidity 84%. Winds from South at 15 MPH and Barometer at 30.18. Sunrise at 645AM and Sunset at 641PM.
Timed by John Nicholas Hayes.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
None

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Fall Series III - Oct. 12/13

ANY AGE BIRDS

No entrants in OFFICIAL SYSTEM.

HONOR SYSTEM

Gary Hulst - (09:39)
FTA96-1310 Grizzle, FTA96-1347 Grizzle and FTA96-1305 Black. Two hens and one cock released at 736AM and all down together at 515PM with last bird in trap at 533PM.
WEATHER:
Clear to Partly cloudy. 50-65 Degrees. Humidity 50%. Winds from SW-W at 8-15 MPH. Barometer 30.2.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Good day to fly. They flew high all day.

John Kleis, Sr. (715)
FTA96-417 and 405 (Two cocks) FTA96-406,426,431,433 and 403 (Five hens) all released at 800AM and all birds down together at 315PM with last bird in trap at 319PM.
WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. 40-59 Degrees. Winds from NW at 8-15 MPH.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Wind picked up as day went on. Nice fly. I am satisfied.

Andy Fuller (04:29)
FTA96-1279 Dk. BB, FTA96-1281 Bronze and FTA96-1289 Black. H, C and H. Released at 638AM and Komorner Tumblers tossed at 11:07AM. Two down at 11:10AM and third at 11:12AM with last bird in trap at 11:15AM.
WEATHER:
Clear. 53-75 Degrees. Winds from East 5-10 KTS and Humidity at 54%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
(Dad) got kit down (off feed) too low, and didn't adjust for it quick enough. Kit looked and flew flat????

Jon Mazaran - DQ)
FTA96-208 Mottle (C) FTS96-218 Red (H) FTA96-225 Red (?) and FTS96-226 Blue (?) all released at 700AM. 208 down at 252PM and other three kept flying.
Disqualified as all birds not trapped within hour.
WEATHER:
Light cloud cover. 38-67 Degrees. Barometer 30.40. Winds light. Humidity at 98%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Very good day for flying. I have to read the Rules to #208.

Jerry O'Rourke - (DQ)

FTA96-540 BlueBar FTA96-501 Yellow and FTA96-511 (Red) Three hens release at 635AM and all down at 10:15AM, but did not trap within hour. Last bird in trap at 2PM.
Disqualifed because birds did not trap within hour.
WEATHER:
Clear. 55-68 Deggrees. Barometer 29.73. Winds from South at 15 MPH and humidity at 67%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds locked up all week - no practice flys. These same birds did 9:03 when I let them out on Monday. How do you figure that out?

Joe Russo - DQ)

ATU96-15, 16 and 21. All released at 702AM and one down at 11:16AM, other two at 11:17, but two birds did not trap on time.
Disqualified because birds not trapped within hour.
WEATHER:
Clear. 45-57 Degrees. Winds SW at 15 MPH and Humidity at 47%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Two birds wanted to play, take off, land again, could not get them in.

No other entrants.

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FOR SALE:
Jack Prescott's book, "My Way with Pigeons. $10.00 cash. Write to: Jack Prescott, 6 Groore Avenue, Sheffield, S94GE, England

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Lovatts. All colors. Great flyers. Contact Joe Russo, 640 6th St., W. Babylon, NY. 11704

BUDAPEST HI-FLYERS:
Bill Sandifer would like to purchase some Budapest Hi-Flyers. If any of our members has some for sale, or knows anyone who has some, please write or call: Bill Sandifer, 47 Collins St., Keansburg, NJ 07734.
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1996
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Fall Series IV - The Stock Fly
October 26/27

ANY AGE BIRDS

No entrants in the OFFICIAL SYSTEM.

HONOR SYSTEM

J. O'Rourke -(07:52)

FTA96-501,511,540. FTA95-636. FTA93-927. FTS96-666,671 and 667. Seven hens, and 667 is a Cockbird. All released at 710AM and all down together at 302PM with last bird in trap at 321PM.

WEATHER:

Sunny, clear. 45-65 Degrees. Barometer 30.38. Winds from NW at 10MPH and Humidity at 51%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew very high all day - had to use binoculars to find them. They came down low at 230PM looking for Droppers which I did not throw, hoping to coax a little more time out of them, but they had their minds made up to come down.

John Kleis, Sr. - (06:23)

FTA96-403,426,427,433,406,431,417, and FTA95-353,372. 6 Hens and 3 cocks. All released 1000AM and all down together at 423PM with last bird in trap at 430PM.

WEATHER:

Clear. Winds calm. Winds from SW.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

An absolutely beautiful day for flying Tipplers. Birds flew nice and high for first 3½ hours then up and down for the rest of the fly. I had to wait for heavy fog to burn off before I could release birds.

Joe Russo - (DQ)

ATU 96-5,11,15,16,21 and 25. ATU95-52. ATU94-28. FTA96-156 and 2400. All released at 704AM and first bird down at 541PM. Two down at 615PM and 5 showed up next day.
Disqualified because all birds not trapped within the hour.

WEATHER:

Mostly sunny. 55-68 Degrees. Barometer 30.40. Winds from ENE at 6 MPH and Humidity at 62%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

After 10 hours and 37 minutes, 5 birds landed. It was almost dark. I could not get the other 5 down. At 9AM the next day one bird was in the Loft and 4 were flying.

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# Suggested Dosages For Medications Sold By The Racing Pigeon Bulletin

The Racing Pigeon Bulletin
34 E. Franklin Street

Bellbrook, Ohio 45305
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**Acidified Copper Sulfate:** For bath water: Make stock solution as directed on back of package. Use 2 tsp. per pan of water. Pan size approx. 13 x 24 inches. For white spots in the throat: Use 1/2 tsp. of stock solution per gallon of water.

**Amprol 20% Soluble:** For severe conditions: 1 tsp. per gallon of water. Otherwise 1/2 tsp. per gallon of water. Use for 3 to 5 days with no other source of drinking water.

**Aureomycin Concentrate Soluble Powder:** 1-1/2 tsp. to 1 gallon of water in severe cases of colds for 3 to 5 days. Use 1 tsp. to 1 gallon of water when used as a preventative.

**Aureomycin - Sulmet:** For bacterial enteritis. Dosage: 1 tsp. per gallon of water for 2-3 days.

**Aureomycin Tablets:** 25 mg. One tablet can be used for several days.

**Aureomycin Treatment for Pox:** 1 tablet for each infected bird for 5 days. Stop for 4 days...then 1/2 tablet per bird for 4 more days.

**Breeding Preparation:** For young dying in the shell. Dosage: 10 drops to 1 gallon of water, twice a week during breeding season, once a week for rest of year.

**Feed Mate 68:** Natural Gut Bacteria. Dosage: 1 tbls per 15 pounds of feed during periods of medication. Moisten feed with garlic oil, wheat germ oil or lemon juice so the Feed Mate will adhere to the feed.

**Gallimycin:** Excellent for chronic respiratory disease and specifically for mycoplasmosis catarch. Dosage: 1/2 tsp per gallon of water for 5-7 days.

**Garlic Tablets & Capsules:** Assists in cleansing of the blood. Dosage: One pill per bird 2-4 times a week.

**Germex:** 1 Tbl. per 2 gallons of water as a disinfectant. 3 drops per galon of water twice a week to keep scum out of drinking water.

**Headstart:** An aid in preventing vitamin deficiencies caused by stress and/or reduced feed intake. Dosage: 1/4 - 1/2 tsp. per gallon of water 2-3 times a week.

**Insect Strip:** For controlling flies, mosquitos and gnats. Use one strip per 1000 cubic feet of space.

**Insectrin GP:** Excellent powder for eliminating pigeon flies. Use a pinch on the rump feathers, breast and vent areas.

**Ipropran:** The replacement for Emtryl. Dosage: As a preventative use 1/4 tsp to 1 gallon of water for 5-7 days after laying and before hatching. As a cure use 1/2 teaspoonful to a gallon of water for 5-7 days.

**Loft Dressing:** Destroys germs in the loft that are the main cause of paratyphoid and other disease causing bacteria. Application: 1 pound per 50 square feet of floor and nest box area. Sprinkle on and brush in.

**LS/50:** (Lincomycin-Spectinomycin) Use 1/2 tsp (level) to 1 gallon of drinking water. Administer as the only source of water for 5 to 7 days.

**Magnesium Blocks:** A form of magnesium for pigeons. Pigeons will peck it as needed.

**Mange and Lice Control:** To control lice, mites and flies. Direct Application: 2 tbls. in 1 gallon of water per 100-150 birds. Spray gently over birds. Loft Application: 4 tbls. in 1 gallon of water. Thoroughly clean and spray entire loft and litter. NOTE OF CAUTION: DO NOT use loft application strength on birds. It is too strong!

**Neo-Mix 325:** Make stock solution (1 packet to 1 gallon of water). Use 1 tsp. of stock solution to one gallon of water.

**NFZ 9.2%:** 1 tsp to 1 gallon of water. Use for 5 to 8 days with no other source of drinking water. Can be used double strength first 3 days in severe cases. Mix fresh water each day with all medications.

**NopStress:** 1/2 to 1 tsp. per gallon of water, 2-3 times per week.

**Old Dutch No Light Pills:** Use as a stomachic, mild laxative and conditioner. Dosage: as prescribed from box - 1/2 to 1 pill per bird.

**Piperzine:** 1 ounce to 1 gallon of water 1 day a month.

**Pigeon Bloom:** A formula of Mineral salts with added feather conditioning. Dosage: Use one scoopful (provided) per gallon of bath water, once a week after racing.

**Ren-O-Sal:** Helps produce better feather quality, increased rate of weight gain. Also an aid in preventing coccidiosis. Dosage: 1-2 tablets per gallon of drinking water and stir well. Give continously during growing period.

**Roost Paint:** To kill poultry lice and red mites. Apply Roost Paint directly on perches and roosting areas.

**Sulmet 12.5%:** 1 1/2 Tbl. to one gallon of water. For infectious CORYZA, medicate for 2 consecutive days. For COCCIDIOSIS, medicate for 2 days, then reduce amount to 1 tbls. per gallon of water and give for 4 additional days.

**Sulquin 6-50:** For treating bacterial enteritis and coccidiosis. Dosage: 1 tsp. per gallon of water for 2 to 5 days.

**Terramycin:** 1/2 tsp. to 1 gallon of water for 3 to 5 days when used for prevention of colds, respiratory, etc.

**Terramycin Egg Formula:** A vitamin fortified antibiotic to help in improved egg hatchability and heathly development of young, and during other periods of stress. Dosage: 1/2 tsp. per gallon of drinking water, per day during breeding season.

**Tramisol:** Mix package contents with 1 gallon of distilled water...for your STOCK SOLUTION. Mix 10 ounces of this STOCK SOLUTION with 1 gallon of fresh water. Provide this as the only source of drinking water for one day. Repeat every month.

**Tramisol Tablets:** Pigeon dosage, dissolve 3 pills in 3 quarts of water. Give for one day. Repeat every month.

**Triple Sulfa with Vitamins and Electrolytes:** For Coccidiosis and secondary bacterial infections. Dosage: 1 tsp. per gallon of water for 2 days; plain water for 3 days; 1 day of medication, 2 days plain water; finish with one day of medication.

**Tylan Plus:** Use 1/2 tsp. to 1 gallon of water for 3 - 5 days as the only source of drinking water. May be used for a longer period up to 10 days in severe cases.

**Tylan Plus Eye Puffer:** The best for one eye colds. Dosage: One puff in each eye for 2 days should clear the eyes.

**Vetasulid:** Broad spectrum antibacterial, highly effective against E. Coli. Mix bottle with 18 ounces of water for STOCK SOLUTION. Use 1 ounce of STOCK SOLUTION to a gallon of drinking water.

**Vet $R_x$:** For relief and prevention of cronic respiratory disease, colds, roup and throat canker. Dosage: Per instructions enclosed with product.

**Vitamins & Electrolytes:** 1/2 - 1 tsp. per gallon of water, 2-3 times per week.

**Vitapol:** Should be used daily while birds are breeding and then two or three times a week in the off season. 1/2 level tsp. to 1 gallon of water

**Wheat Germ Oil:** One drop per bird 3 times per week during the breeding season.

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Sept 6, 1996

**Fellow Members,**

On Sunday **Aug. 25, 1996** was our OTU meeting. It was quite an honour to meet **Mr. Harry Shannon** from Ireland who has a world record of his kit **flown 22 hours 5 minutes**. We all had a good chit chat with him, special thanks to him for bringing a beautiful trophy all the way from Ireland for **"Mr. Gord Hamilton Memorial Fly"**, which was held on Aug. 31, 1996 - Sept. 1, 1996. It was my pleasure to take pictures of some attending members with **Mr. Harry Shannon** which I have distributed. I hope they like them. The rest will arrive soon.

Thank God. After all these hassels I've been through, for the last couple of years with my birds. I am finally able to fly my birds. Unfortunately it is difficult to get a timmer, an official system fly. In my case, it is hard to have a timmer on someone else's property. I will like to thank **Mr. Kemo Basic** for this offer anyway I flew for myself on Sept. 1, 1996. I flew a kit of four flown 6 hours, which is quite alright for a hot humid day. My only hope is that next time I will do better, with the proper feed up and training. I am very happy with my collection of birds. Their young ones are flying well for me. For the year 95-96 they have won quite a number of trophies on the table shows for me. The best prize I won **"Champion of Champions 1996"**. Thanks to all those who helped me finding these birds. It is very sad that two of our valuable members **Mr. Gord Chater and Mr. Henry Langly** given up their beautiful birds because of health reason. I would like to thank **Mr. Gord Chater** for giving me the apportuntity to pick up some of his best old breeders and some good flyers.

At this point now I would like to congratulate **Mr. Oskar Zovich** who won that trophy for **"Mr. Gord Hamilton Memorial Fly."**

Good Luck and Best Wishes to all the members.

Your's in sport
David Dean
Brampton, Ontario

See over

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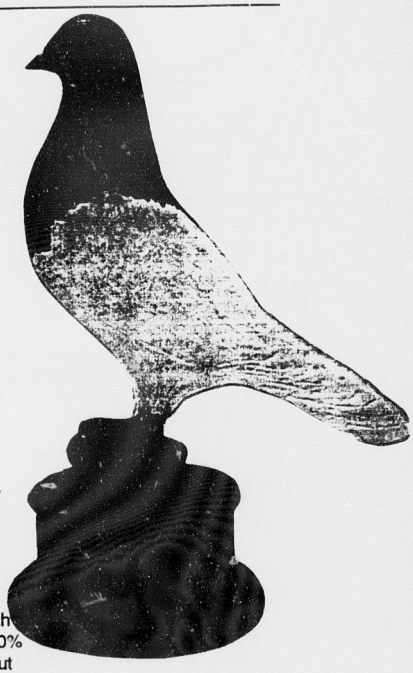
Couple pictures of some of OTU Members with Mr. Harry Shannon
Taken by David Dean
On August 25, 1996





# DAVID DEAN'S TYPE OF FLYING TIPPLER
# RAWALPINDI, PAKISTAN
# 1965—1978

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**Description of this Bird ⇒**

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| 1. | **Beak** | Small & black |
| 2. | **Nose** | Small smooth white |
| 3. | **Eyes** | Pupil dark splash and gray iris |
| 4. | **Head** | Round |
| 5. | **Size** | Medium built, broad chest |
| 6. | **Flights** | Wider |
| 7. | **Tail** | Twelve wide feathers |
| 8. | **Nails** | Black |
| 9. | **Vent bone** | Very tight |
| 10. | **Colour** | Dark shiny green head to shoulder and rest of all pure white and clean |

September 25, 1996

Fellow Members:

Hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the winter. On the other side in Pakistan people still flying their birds till November-December. I missed those days whenever, over here, we talk about that we dont have enough time to spend with our birds, and also weather does not allow us to do so.

I was 11 years old when I started this hobby, actually came along with the family. People in Pakistan are crazy about this hobby. Almost 50% of people enjoy this fun. I had almost every colour of flying tippler, but my favourite ones are shown in the above picture, called over there **Shahsiray, Dunprints (Motianwalay), large selection of different prints (Jonsray).** Also I had **Pure White, Silver Blue, Grizzled (Kasuri) etc.**

Over in Pakistan, sometimes its so hard to get the one you like because people have them like this is it, and if they happen to give you one they think they are giving their life away.

What I find the best part in Canada is most of the pigeon fanciers are very generous, and helpful. I got most of my type of tipplers here in Canada from some of the pigeon fanciers. If you want any bird from their loft to have, it depends to their mood if its good that day you can take, if its bad "Good Bye Charlie", but I'm still thankful to the ones who have provided me what I was looking for.

My only wish is that one day here in Canada I will have my favourite kind. See picture above.

Have a happy winter and Good Christmas.

Yours in sport,

David Dean
Brampton, Ontario, Canada

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August 25th, 1996.

The O.T.U. had a meeting on the above date. Present were Tom Rankin, Emilio Colosimo, Attillio Bernardo, Joe Rodrigues, Frank Madler, Daniel Dean, Ross Morden, John Deacon and his pet pigeon, "Mrs. Deacon", Kemo Basic, Harry Smith, and a very special guest, Harry Shannon from Ulster, Ireland. Harry Shannon is the holder of the world record for old birds, - 22 hours plus. Hitch your wagon to that star!

As you could imagine, Harry Shannon was the center of attraction. He very patiently answered the numerous questions put to him, and all in all he was a credit to our hobby of Tippler flying. He will be welcome back at any time.

Kemo Basic informed me that he acquired three pair of young birds. These birds are the offspring of the Harry Shannon imports. Kemo is quite enthused about these birds. To put it in his own words "I am very happy to have these birds,", thank you Tom!

We had 8 flyers for the Gord. Hamilton Memorial fly. Would you believe seven disqualifications. Only Oskar Zovich had an established time, - 10 hours and three minutes. This was an Official time. He flew eleven birds on a hot and humid day and the birds flew well.

The fact that the Honour flyers have so many disqualifications proves that the Honour system proves the honesty of our members.

Harry Shannon presented a trophy to Oskar for his ef fort. This trophy was sent out to Canada from the Ulster Tippler Club to honour the memory of the late Gord. Hamilton. Gord. was well known to the members of the Ulster Club.

A picture was taken of the presentation to Oskar. It will be seen in the next issue of the Feather Fancier. This will be a good publicity shot for our club.

David Dean took the enclosed pictures that are being sent to the members involved. This must have been a lot of work for David and I know we all appreciate his effort.

Just two more flys. Then all is quiet.

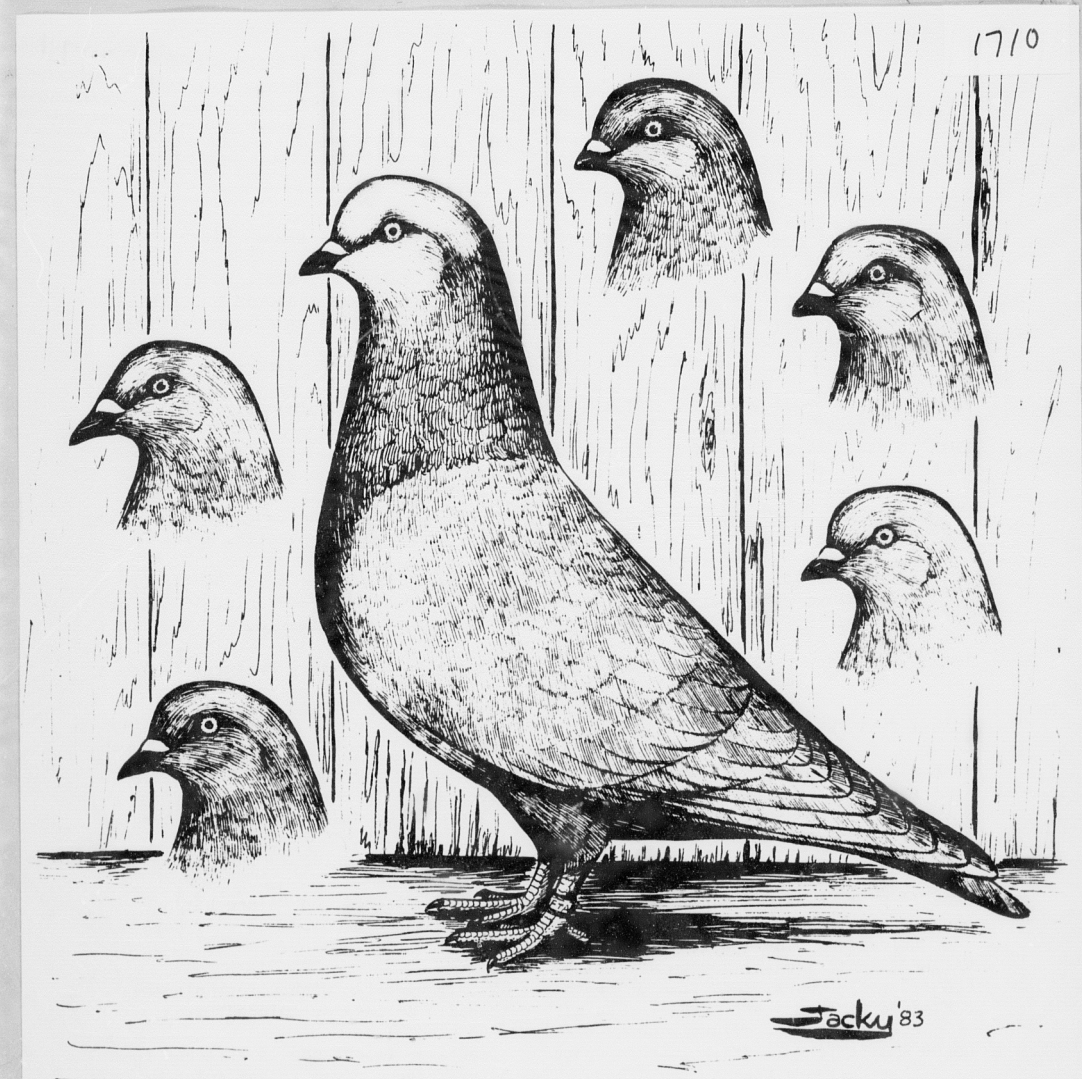
Yours in Sport,

HJS:cg
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Harry J. Smith.

P.S. In the Gord. Hamilton fly, Kemo Basic was on a split for over the allowed time. Shortly after his disqualification the truant bird returned and rejoined the other two birds. They then flew out the rest of the day to establish a time of 13 hours & 55 mins. That must have been a bitter pill to swallow. (H.J.S.)

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# FLYING TIPPLER

*Including head profiles of a variety of strains*

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SHOW STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

FOR THE FLYING TIPPLER

UTILITY FEATURES

CONDITION (25 pts) Hard, firmly muscled. Light in weight for size. Clean and alert.

WINGS (12 pts) Stress the importance of secondaries. Broad flexible, overlapping feathers should be present, no gaps in the wings. Flights should be carried atop the tail, and give every sign of strength. Top line smooth and without "sail" or "sideboards".

TAIL (6 pts) Noteably narrow, but capable of great expansion. Strong but resilient feathers. In entirety, small and light in weight.

KEEL (6 pts) Shallow and long, for a Tippler not a Homer. Coming quite close to the "fork" (vent end).

FORK (6 pts) Firm and close (to each other and to the keel).

BACK (6 pts) Broad at the shoulders, it tapers to a trim, strong rump to achieve the breed's powerful wedge shape.

CHEST (6 pts) Broad and capacious, to accommodate the heart and lungs of a sporting pigeon. It should be big from side to side rather than projecting forward.

CUTTING - If any of the foregoing utility features are "cut" to as low as 2/3 of the maximum number of points that are allowed to them (for example, 16 out of the 25 points for condition) then disqualification is automatic.

Total points for Utility Features (67). Total points for Beauty Features (33).

BEAUTY FEATURES

HEAD (3 pts) Small with refined shape and appointments. Gracefully rising from the beak, but with no frontal bulge. Flatness on top permitted.

NECK (3 pts) Medium short, sharply tapered. Broad at shoulders, narrow at head. Tight and clean in front, no gullet.

EYE (3 pts) The "white" ("pearl", "gravel", etc.) type rather than the "color" (yellow, orange, red, etc.) series is desired.

CERE (3 pts) Fine and dark on intense colored birds, lighter on dilute birds.

BEAK (3 pts) Stout and medium small. Very dark on intense colored birds, horn colored on dilute birds.

WATTLE (3 pts) Small, smooth and white.

LEGS (3 pts) Short, red, free of feathers. Fairly wide-set with a rear placement.

FEET (3 pts) Small but strong. Red with dark nails on intense colored birds, horn colored on dilutes, white permitted on pied birds.

COLOR AND PATTERN (3 pts) In this sporting breed less importance is attached to this category than to any other. With no preference given to any color or pattern, credit should be accorded to the success evident in approaching pattern definition and achieving richness of color. Tipplers are permitted to any color, pattern or marking.

STATION (3 pts) Pronouncedly vertical rather than horizonal. Head up and back. More is to be expected of cocks in this matter.

EXPRESSION (3 pts) Smartness, eagerness, but not wildness should be dominant with no suggestion of dullness or lack of interest.

CUTTING - Beauty features, having no great effect upon the working ability of the pigeon, may be cut severely without disqualification.

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Robert,

Enclosed is your 1997 FTA membership.

I don't hear from you anymore. Have you forgotten me?

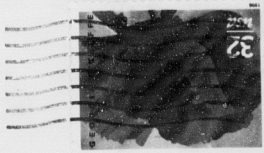
Hope all is going well with you

Jerry









S. ROBERT POWELL
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CARBONDALE, PA. 18407

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
S. ROBERT POWELL
IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
OF THE
FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
EXPIRES 1/98 SIGNED G. O'Rourke
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

February, 1997

Copy to: Buraczewski, Kehrer, Russo, O'Rourke, Kogan, Basic, Beat, Ogozalek, Powell, Tomsic, Zovich

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I would like to thank you for the good response to the last Officers' Communication. Nine of the eleven listed above replied.

I will start off with a tally of the results from the ballot from the O.C.

**WINTER SERIES DATES** - were picked based upon Richard Kehrer's suggestion that they start the first weekend of March. Vote was unanimous to go with those dates, with a couple suggesting that we consider matching whatever dates the FTS came up with. I have since called David Fuller and discovered that the FTS dates for the early flys are....

Jan 25/26, Feb 8/9, Feb 22/23, Mar 8/9, Mar 22/23, Apr 12/13

Based on that I have made a dictatorial decision. **For the 1997 fly season the FTA Winter Series dates will be March 8/9, March 22/23 and April 12/13.** Any age birds may be flown in this series. Being on the same dates as the FTS should enhance the probability of FTA entries from southern FTA members who will be flying in FTS contests. And due to the brief amount of time between now and the first fly the extra week to get the word out will help. Please let anyone that you know of who may be interested in flying in Winter Series flys that the dates are those noted above.

The rest of our fly schedule is as was listed in the last O.C.....

**SPRING SERIES** -- Apr 26/27, May 10/11, May 24/25
**SUMMER SERIES** -- June 7/8, June 21/22, July 5/6
**FALL SERIES** -- Sept 13/14, Sept 27/28, Oct 11/12, Oct 25/26 (Stock)

I have learned that these dates coincide with those of the FTS so hopefully now that our release times are the same we may pick up some more participation.

**SEASON PASS** Fly entry rate - $15 ( 1 ), $20 ( 7 ), $25 ( 2 )
The fee for the season fly entry pass **will be $20.00** This will give the entrant unlimited ability to enter FTA competition flys throughout that year. Jerry has designed a card that will be sent to those who have elected to pre-enter for the season.

**YOUNG BIRD FLYS** The balloting was quite split on the timing of young bird flys.
Summer Series - 7 Fall Series - 6
Some voted for both series, some for doing two YB flys in the Summer like now and add one more the first Fall fly and there is some support for allowing young birds in any fly and keeping the records separate.

We still have some time to wrap this up before the 1997 youngsters are ready for the air. I will attach the comments that were submitted and hopefully we will be able to distill it down to a consensus before long.

**Balloting on rule 25** - Our Board results were heavily in favor ( 8 to 2 ) to go with the wording that allows the time to continue as long as the kit can be verified as flying no matter how far apart. But the comments that Michael Beat sent in brought a whole new light to the discrepancy than I had considered previously. The wording in the membership ballot did not say that, under rule 25 we were talking about night flying. It actually said "split kit in daylight" and gave the options to leave as is or change. If one voted to leave it as is they should have voted no on the change. Is Micheal reading too much into the ballot? Did I make it unclear? Our last Officers' Communication tells me that most of you thought that it was clear that we want to change the split rule and that the kits flying in the night are to comply with the same rules as those flying in the day. But I will ask you all again at the end of this O.C. to make sure we are in sync before the new Rules get published.

Speaking of which - no one has volunteered to retype the Constitution and Fly Rules to incorporate the changes. Unless there is a volunteer soon I will have my secretary do it and will have her bill the club for her time.

**Non-FTA banded young birds** - Up front registration (4) Higher fly entry fee (7)
We will charge a higher entry fee for young bird kits that are not FTA banded. Now we need to decide how much higher entry fee we want to collect. The current fly entry is $3.00 per fly. I doubt that we will be able to charge enough to offset lost revenues to band sales without going so high that we will loose fly entrants. So it probably ought to be only a dollar or two more to fly a non-FTA banded kit per fly.

I will include information that has been gathered on **ribbon** prices, available types etc. Both Howard and Jerry have gotten some pricing. Since the membership has voted to give the ribbons in lieu of the cash paid to the winning kits I think that we need to give the first place kits something more than a plain ribbon. Howard says that the rosettes run about $2.00 each. I do not think that this is out of line when you consider that we were sending out checks of $8-16.00 for each winning kit. Many of these were re-donated to the club. The winning kit deserves something more than a 25 cent ribbon. I also think that the ribbons ought to have the FTA Tippler logo. Make them something that a member would be proud to have and display. Jerry, maybe you and Howard can get together and develop something that would work. Try to keep in mind the amount of income we get from fly entries, costs of diplomas, Central Timer postage, etc. and determine a budget that we can afford to spend. Remember that we basically can use whatever we were spending in fly winnings money and be even with what we have been doing. If we come in at less then we may actually start making some money from the flys and be able to invest it in other things - dressier Bulletins, special mailings, other awards, etc.

**Pigeon Debut ad** -- Last year I placed the FTA ad at my expense. Do we want to continue it? The Pigeon Debut is the only general pigeon press that is still going. It needs the support of the various clubs and subscribers to be able to stay in business. The ad gets us much needed exposure for the FTA and hopefully has generated some new members. At worst it has gotten our name out there to anyone who has looked in the Tippler section of the Debut's classified ads. Hopefully they will fix some of the typos that have been run lately "romoting endurance Flying Tipplers through lying competitions..." Somehow I don't think that such looks good in the same paragraph as "informative Bulletins" and "awards in Official and Honor Systems". Assuming an affirmative vote from the Board I will ask Jerry to renew the ad.

On a personal note I made it out to the NPA Grand National show in Lancaster, PA. There were about 6300 birds shown in about 150 breeds by 500 or so exhibitors. The ATU sponsored the Flying Tippler competition and had about 90 birds, I think. I did not catch all the judging, and do not recall who won. Hope that Joe or Ed will do something for the Bulletin summarizing the show. There were plenty of nice looking birds in a variety of colors. I had a great time after getting through the hassle of getting birds and myself there. Northwest would not allow me to take the birds on as excess luggage as I have done so numerous times in the past and then on the way out they cancelled my flight from Detroit to Harrisburg making me a few hours later than wanted. And sending the birds out by mail took a day longer than expected, but the Fantail and Indian Fantail clubs adjusted their class orders to accommodate me, did not show any Flying Tipplers.

Please look over the attached ballot and respond. Hope that you all have a great year.

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Jan. 22, 1997

Tim:

Re our telephone conversation last night concerning card and Ribbons.

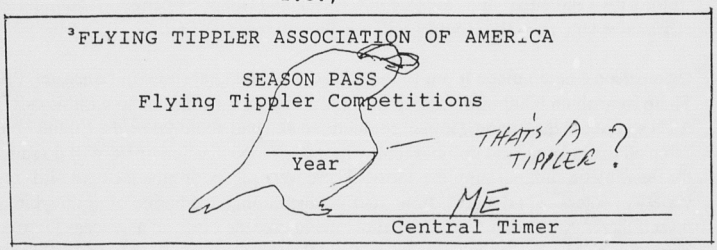
I can get the enclosed Membership Card priced at $35.00 for 500. The first place I went to wanted $70.00 for 500.

We will also need a Season Pass Card and they can do that also $35.00 for 500. I just have to give them the setup on it. (A picture of a Tippler and the wording.)

Now, regarding Ribbons. The initial Custom Hot Stamping cost if $48.00. The setup cost is $18.00. Now 300 Ribbons, (100 each of 1st (Blue), 2nd (Red) and Third Place (Yellow) is .262 cents each. For 600 it would be .206 each. Roughly, we are talking $150 for 100 each of 1,2,and 3rd. For 200 each it would be $190. (That's a total cost.)

We can put a picture of the FTA Tippler on the Ribbon plus Flying Tippler Association of America. I think that would be enough. Unless, of course, you want to add anything else. The Ribbons would have a big lettered 1st, 2nd or 3rd place on it.

Also, I need to make up a Season Pass Card along the lines of the Membership Card with, of course, different wording.
i.e.,




How does that look? Centered better and tightened up a little of course.

Let me know as soon as you can and I will order the cards and the Ribbons. (We have $1200 in the Treasury.)

Best wishes,

Jerry

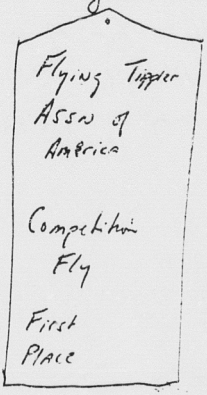
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Dear Tim;

Thanks for the O.C., my ballot is enclosed.
I thought I would also take this opportunity to report on the ribbons. As I should have known NOthing is simple!

Plain ribbons with lettering - No logo - No tippler -




is the most reasonable - about 35¢ ribbon - probably with a 100 ribbon minimum (100-1st, 100 2nd, 100 3rd) = $105 + shipping + postage

If we want basically the same ribbon with a stock pigeon image (it looks sort of like a homer) that will cost $25 extra.

If we want something very nice with the FTA logo (I would need "camera ready" copy of the logo) then we are looking at about $50 extra - but I think this is a one time charge.

I've looked both at catalogs and visited two places that do award/ribbon work. The ribbon and plan I liked best

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will cost us about $200. for a very nice ribbon
if you can get me the CAMERA ready logo. That
would cover 100 Blue First Place, 100 Red Second Place, 100 Yellow Third Place
each ribbon comes with a CARD + string attached so the
date of the fly and category of the fly could be written
on the card (this saves the expense of ordering Honor Fly + Official Fly Ribbons)
It is quite a bit of money - we could do it cheaper
but I'm afraid it will look cheap too!
I won't do anything further on this till I hear from you.

Best wishes,

Howard

Plain

P.S. A Rosettes are almost 2.00 each + require special mailing envelopes -
& don't think they'd LOOK it.

Have a wonderful holiday. & hope to see you
at LANCASTER.

Tim - On a train from NYC to CT right now. Got the offcom in mail today. I wish more people had took up to e-mail as I foresee that this would be a tremendous impetus to "pulling together" a widely distributed club. In case you have access to email or know of any tippler fanciers who is, please pass on my email address. It is:

thetippler@aol.com

My thoughts about split rule: The need for changing Rule 38 is for night flying and very much needed. My experience has shown that the birds at night will frequently split but if "experienced" night flying birds they will re-kit. Not because of "seeing" each other because they can't at night. They re-kit because they fly continuously in their normal rotating flying pattern and will eventually "catch up" with the others and get close enough to them use visual senses to re-kit. Some principle in Physics as "beating" which is 2 "close" similar frequencies which together have a "beat" frequency (not the same). On the "beat" they re-kit. Night flying is different and the proposal to change rule 38 was not to follow the daylight rule if it changed but to define it as "if all Birds can be verified as flying regardless of their proximity to each other" You see, altitude is a bigger factor at night. I could explain more on that if you wish. To change the daylight split rule is a mistake. That's why vote was "yes" leave as is. However, the next line which had a vote 18 to 2 was mistakenly applied to daylight flyer. It belongs under rule 38 and applies to Night flying. I say this because the flyer →

Should have the same choice at night as in the day → that is to take a chance to win or lose by letting birds settle together as a "kit" again on their own. (If they re-kit (or don't all be seen/weighed as flying) then it should be allowed to continue as this was working great. Hope I was clear. We just wanted the best. Keep em up, -Mike Bart

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Tim,

I would like to see one YB fly in Fall Series. (3 for the year)

No up-front registration on non-FTA birds in YB fly. I doubt if members would pre-register. Charge them a higher entry fee say, $4.00 ($5.00 - too much?).

I hope someone will volunteer to type the new Rules + Constitution changes.

My best,

Jerry

December 15, 1996

Dear Mr. President,

The membership of the FTA club has decided 13-10 in favor of having the young bird fly in the fall. Now the question is what do we do with our traditional young bird flys in the first and last fly of the summer series. I am suggesting that these young bird flys are replaced with any age and stock fly (open flys). Because we'll have young birds, old birds and stock birds competing for the best time in the same fly, I would like to suggest that the flying times be kept separate. I do agree that we should go with our traditional way of setting our dates for the 1997 FTA fly schedule.

Yours in the sport,

Remo Bassi

Remo Bassi

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Since young birds can be flown in old bird contests add 3 more flys in the semester to any age. That is if the membership goes for young birds. Or make all flys any age with awards going to old birds and young birds. Either we would have 1st Hour, old + young, official 1st old + young 1st awards.

Joe Fiesta

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

February, 1997

## BALLOT

There has been repeated comment that we should allow young birds to be flown in any fly and just keep the records and placings separate. This would result in considerable more paperwork for the Central Timer, create more winners per fly resulting in more awards costs, and be generally confusing. But if that is what we want it will give members one less excuse to not fly, any kit they have at any time will be acceptable.

Do we want a totally open kit fly system? Yes _____ No _____

Our current system calls for old bird kits in the Spring Series, young birds in the Summer Series ( with the exception of any age in the Long Day ) and any age in the Fall and Winter Series. If we need to specify which age kits can compete in which series we can maintain the traditional system, or change. The general membership voting leaned towards young birds in the Fall Series. The last Officers' Communication leans slightly towards the current way, and possibly adding one or more additional young bird flys in the Fall Series. We need to get closure on this. As I see it there are basically three choices if the answer from the question above is negative. We can....

Stay with the traditional system with two young bird specific flys.

YES _____

OR

Go [illegible] rd flys by,

Keeping two yb flys in the Summer Series and adding one in the Fall

YES _____

OR

Change the Summer Series to any age kits and make the three Fall Series flys for young birds only.

YES _____

Please vote for one of the three choices above, even if you voted yes on the question above that.

Does the point brought up by Micheal Beat concerning why there was an apparent discrepancy in the membership balloting change your vote on the last O.C. to change the Fly Rules to allow the kits time to continue as long as they can be verified as flying, no matter how far apart they may be?

YES _____ NO _____

Non-FTA banded young birds in FTA competitions – We will be charging an extra entry fee for such kits to compete. How should this fee be assessed?

By bird? _____ By kit? _____

If by bird, how much for each non-FTA banded bird in the kit?

$0.25 _____ $0.50 _____ $1.00 _____ Or?? _____

If by kit, and any young bird in the kit is non-FTA banded, how much extra entry fee, in addition to the basic fee which is currently $3.00 per fly?

$1.00 _____ $2.00 _____ $3.00 _____ Or?? _____

Let's give Howard and Jerry some guidance on what we think ought to be presented for ribbons to the top placing fly participants. Remember the membership has already said that ribbons to the top three placings are acceptable to replace the current pay out of $1.00 per hour flown to the first place kits.

Plain ribbons to all three places, three different colors. _____

Something fancier for first place, plain to second and third. _____

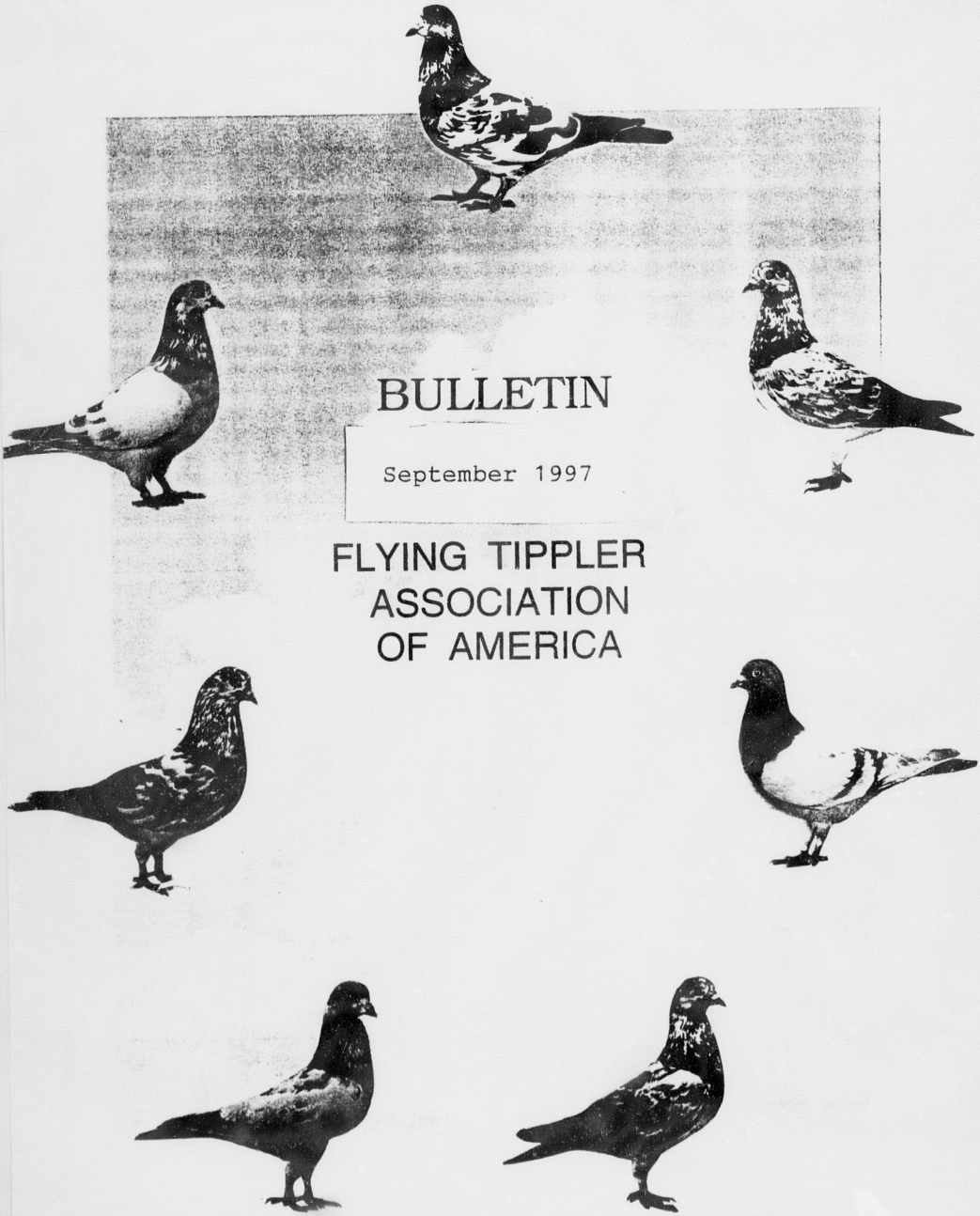
Something fancy to all three places, three different colors. _____

Pigeon Debut ad – Continue?? YES _____ NO _____

Is there anything that I have not included that we ought to be working on? If so please note below. Thanks

Please return this ballot to: Tim Kvidera, 13610 Johnson St. N.E., Anoka, MN 55304

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# BULLETIN

September 1997

## FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that all of you had a good summer. It is amazing how fast it has gone by. It is now time to get some of those late hatch young birds ready for the Fall Series competitions. I have a couple groups that I hope to make a kit or two out of and participate in some of the flys. We have had some pretty good participation in the flys so far this season. Let's keep the trend going.

At long last we have the final version of our FTA Constitution and Fly Rules published. It should be in this Builetin so that all of you have a copy for your files. It has been a long time in the works. Taking all the various proposals, understanding them, considering the ramifications, discussing it among the Executive Board members and submitting to the general membership for balloting. I would like to thank all those who participated over the past few years in the process. I think that we have a finished document that reflects well what the consensus of the club wants our organization to be. That being said we must recognize that the document is not cast in stone. For our club to be a dynamic organization it must be adaptable and willing to deal with change as need be. I do not see it being another 15 years before further changes are made. But I also hope that the proactive changes made in this revision are inclusive enough to give us some degree of stability for the near future. Again thanks to all who helped make it happen.

Have you seen the ribbons that Jerry has gotten made for the top three placers in or FTA flying competitions? They are really nice. Enter a kit in one of the upcoming flys and try to get one of the ribbons for yourself. Even if you do not win a ribbon, the hobby wins by having you compete and participate in promoting the endurance flying of our Tippler pigeons. And if your kit does eight or more hours you will also earn one of our treasured FTA diplomas for the effort.

I have had an average year with the birds. Raised a good number of nice youngsters, but have not had the time to give many of them a serious test. Am still spending a lot of time out of town on business, which makes it difficult to train a kit. And now with fall upon us the show season kicks into high gear, fortunately mostly after the fly contests are done. I do plan to make it to Louisville again this year. Actually am judging the Fantails, 300 - 400 of them, so will have my work cut out. Do plan on visiting with the regular bunch of Tippler fanciers that make it to the National Young Bird Show. By the way, have been meaning to apologize, when I did a brief summary of last years NYBS I forgot to mention that Don Pisowicz was among the group there. Sorry Don. Hope that no others were missed.

Best wishes to all. Have a great fall.

Jim

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# Some aspects of air pollution.

A large transport vehicle arrived at a race point location and released an undisclosed number of race pigeons. The mob , instead of orbiting that area for a few minutes, before heading away in the direction of home, simply flew a few laps and then all of them dropped on the transport vehicle's cage system, or on the ground close by...

Several years ago in Sheffield, a certain man was hired to take local club racing pigeons for evening or late afternoon training releases. On two particular occasions, these trainees refused to fly from the area and simply came down close to the van that had been used to take several baskets of trainees to the release location, just 60 miles from Sheffield.

In all cases, it took some time to get the pigeons into the air and away towards home. In the Sheffield cases, it was discovered that a hole in the exhaust system was causing fumes to get into the old van. The pigeons therefore had been subjected to carbon monoxide poisoning. Some of the trainees did not arrive home at all, others arrived on the next day with no ill effects.

When I was asked for my opinion on the race point problem, I gave a parallel conclusion that somehow these pigeons had been subjected to carbon monoxide *en route* or while awaiting liberation at the race point. A traffic hold up perhaps? Did the driver leave the engine running while awaiting liberation count down? The atmosphere on that day was very still and humid.

I was never informed whether or not my explanation was accepted. I am not too surprised because I do get a lot of these stoney silences after very keen and enthusiastic original enquiries.

On the same subject I would like to bring attention to the upper air pollution. Such pollution from Britain has caused acid rain which has killed fish in Scandinavian lakes, and therefore I suggest that such pollution must be severe.

In certain atmospheric conditions large belts of these gasses are trapped in the upper air. I submit that tipplers and other high flying pigeons could be affected. Birds are very highly susceptible and could become distressed and lost. With millions of cars on our roads what can we expect?

*Jack Prescott.*

# F R O M  T H E  T I P P L E R  M A I L B A G

Med Bell, 46 Thesiger St., Cathays, Cardiff CF2-4BN, South Wales, GB

Hello Mr. Russo:

Thank you very much for your letter and a big thank you for sending me your monthly Bulletin which I found most interesting, and it was nice to see a photo of Mr. Harry Shannon. I have met Mr. Shannon and I must say he is a gentleman. He takes care of the NTU news letter that is National Tippler Union of Great Britain, and Mr. Shannon is doing one hell of a job.

I have been keeping Tipplers for 8 years and I must say they are great birds. The most my tipplers have been flying is 14½ hours. I am hoping that they will do more time for me. I am 57 years old and I have sent to me every month the Pigeon Debut magazine and it is a great mag, that's how I got Mr. Russo's name. I have been writing to a few Tippler men from the USA. Thank you for writing to me lads from across the miles. These are the names of the tippler men that have wrote to me: Michael J. Richardson, Tom Lavecchio, Don Morris and Samir Darwich and Jerry O'Rourke. Thank you again lads for writing to me. Hoping that I can carry on writing to you one and all. Hoping that you will see my letter in the monthly Bulletin. Thank you again Mr. Russo and would you give my kind regards to all the members of the FTA of the USA, and I would like to write to a tippler man in Miami. If this will be possible it would be very nice. My wife and I have been there and found it very nice. Thank you, Mr. Russo.

Yours in sport. s/ Med Bell

PS - Hoping that you will print this letter for me.

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John Kleis, Sr., 423 Dugan Rd., Richfield Springs, NY 13439

John sent this note in with his July 6th Fly Report:

Dear Jerry:

It was nice talking to you the other day. So happy to hear your Mrs. is doing so well. My birds are doing well, now every 4th day I fly a kit of 23 birds. They really look great up there all together. These Macs really kit beautiful. When are you going to fly? s/J.K. Sr.

**Good question, John. I was ready for the '97 Season with two kits. One kit disappeared one day and never returned, and the other was decimated by Hawks. I have no other birds to fly. My youngsters are coming along, and I hope to make all the Fall flys.**

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+Bruce Zagurski, 3638 North Oak Park Ave., Chicago, Il. 60634-2307

Hi Joe: Here is a check for $15.00 to update my dues. I do not have any Tipplers right now, but I will be getting some from Paul Rado from Milwaukee, WI., this coming week. I will be sending Dues and Band Money in November for 1998. Thanks, s/B. Zagurski

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+Fred Lanting, 15 Jeanette Dr., St. Catharines, Ontario L2N-6M3

Dear Jerry: Thanks for the June Beuletin which as always is interesting for any pigeon fancier. I noticed the story of Harry Smith in Mississauga of the many young birds he had. Since I lost several young birds I phoned Harry and he said I could have 3 young ones, ready to fly. So I said I will be there in the morning at 10:30AM. He gave me the right directions and next morning left at about 9AM with my friend Jim, an avid roller man. We arrived at Harry's at exactly 10:25AM. All Harry said was, "you are early." What a delight it was to meet Harry. His loft was immaculate and very efficient.

He let me have 3 birds, indeed ready to fly. Also, he gave me a pair of young ones, I think only 18 or 19 days old.
I am ashamed to admit that I clipped the wings of 2 of the 3 and put them the next day on top of my Loft. After about 5 days the one I did not clip took off with a pair of Rom. crested flyers which had the rotten habit to fly right out of sight horizontally. They landed about an hour later but the young one was not with them, so you know how I felt. After about 5 minutes, lo and behold, the young one landed. From then on no problems anymore.
After about 2 weeks the really young ones suddenly took off and fortunately did not stay with the crested ones. You know what a thrill it is to see the first flight of the young ones and to see them land safely. I would appreciate some information on training the young ones without losing too many. Sincerely, s/Fred Lanting

**I sent Fred a letter on how I train YBs, but if any of our members would like to help Fred out with his training program, please drop him a line at the above address. I know he will appreciate hearing from our other members on how they train their YBs.**

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Fred Lanting, 15 Jeanette Dr., St. Catharines, Ont., CANADA L2N-6M3
Dear Jerry: Thank you for your letter of July 12th. If you think it is worth it, by all means publish it in the September Bulletin. As a matter of fact it would be a good idea to publish the veryinformative and friendly letter you wrote to me.

The real young ones from Harry Smith after they were outside for quite a few days and flying a bit around suddenly took off and flew for my liking much too high, landed after half an hour but one was missing. So the next day I did as you suggested by releasing a pair of slow flyers and indeed there was the young one too. And believe it or not the same young ones flew for 5 hours the day after.

I phoned Harry and he told me that last year he lost about 20 young ones.

Well Jerry, thanks again for your nice letter and receive my hearty greetings. s/ Fred Lanting

**Thanks Fred. I am glad that I was able to help you. Unfortunately, I did not keep a copy of the letter that I had sent to you.**

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Ron and Susan Sloan, P. O. Box 361, Norfolk, Ct. 06058

Dear Jerry: Hi. Read in the FTS you lost birds. We had a good supply of young. Would you like some? Hawks have left us alone this Spring - so far - . Have had the young at best up to 11 hours - they kit good and land on garage and come right in. Feel bad the FTA never said we could fly on our off days as we requested a long time ago. s/Ron & Susan Sloan.

**Ron and Susan: Thanks for your very generous offer. It was very kind of you, however, I have some YBs coming along and I think I wll have enough for this year. I am sorry for the delay in granting permission to fly on off days, but I have spoken to you on the phone since then and I trust the matter has now been resolved to your satisfaction.**

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Anthony J. DePinto, 79 Bay View Drive West, Sag Harbor, NY, 11963
Dear Mr. O'Rourke: Enclosed is $15.00 Membership. I urgently need bands. I am just getting started with Tipplers and will appreciate any info you feel would be helpful. I am especially interested in getting in touch with members/breeders in my area.
What is the difference between Tiplers and "Tipplets"? s/Tony

**Tony, welcome to the FTA. I sent Tony some material on Tipplers and a membership Roster. He should be getting in touch with members in his area. I was unable to tell the difference between a Tippler and a Tipplet. I never knew there were Tipplets. Can any of our members enlighten Tony. Also, please feel free to sent Tony any information that you think might be helpful to him. I know he will appreciate it.**

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Harry J. Smith, 3105 Queen Frederica Dr., APT. 201, Mississauga, Ont. L4Y-3A5
Jerry: Please do not be impressed by how fast my young birds respond to Droppers. On fly day I just let them fly until they are dropping on their own. I throw a Dropper, but sometimes they beat the Dropper to the loft. They trap so fast because they are hungrey and thirsty.
To drop them while on a training flight is not so simple. Sometimes they take up to an hour to drop them. So you see I am not that clever.

Many years ago when my oldest grandson was a little boy, he was my constant compantion. At the Club one night, as per usual they held a draw for a bottle of whiskey. If I won the bottle I would secret it in the coop and take the odd nip, this would make cleaning the loft a lot less work. This one night they held the draw and my ticket number came up, and I knew where that bottle would go. However, they announced that the winner could have the whiskey or a large watermelon. Before I could say I will take the bottle, my little grandson hollered out. "Take the watermelon, grandad, take the watermelon." You guessed it, we wnet home with the biggest watermelon you ever saw. What us poor old grandfathers had to put up with.(We loved it.) s/Harry J. Smith

**Harry, your stories are priceless. Please send in some more.**

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Mr. Frank Munzer
R.R. 2 Box 143A
Clinton Cors, NY 12514-9802

June 29, 1997

Dear Jerry:

I am one of the newer members. Thanks to both John Kleis, Sr. and Jr. I raised three nice high flying Tipplers form a parent I received for each John, Sr. and Jr. this Spring. I'm working with the young birds to get better flying time and look forward to flying them in the Fall Series. If I am correct that means I need Fly Sheets for my Flys. As there are four Flys this fall I enclose $12 for the Fly Sheets and $13 for my dues for a total of $27. which I enclose in the form of a personal check.

In 1945 to 1950 I flew a mixed flock of some 100 birds where I lived in Queens, in New York City. Through meeting and talking to John Jr. I have gotten back into flying one of my favorite birds the Tippler. I get a thrill out of them flying so high. So high I can hardly see them in the sky.

Last year I made a lot of mistakes with too many birds. I lost some too hawks and had some fly a-ways. Now I have fewer birds for my small coop and now that my young birds are flying I will improve my feeding program.

Its a great sport, FTAA is a great club and the BULLETIN is fine publication with lots of encouragement and good advise for new flyers like myself.

I will fry to get you some pictures of my high flyers for the next time I write. Till then keep the news flowing.

Sincerely,

Frank W. Munzer

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series I - June 7/8

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

J. Russo - (11:25)

ATU94-28 Black Ck ATU95-66 Silver and FTA96-156 Blue Bar all released at 433AM and all down at 358PM with last bird in trap at 414PM.

WEATHER:
Mostly cloudy. 55-70 Degrees. Barometer 30.19. Winds NE 5 to 10MPH and Humidity at 86%.
Timed by John Nicholas Hayes. Witnessed by Clarence Williams, Sec., ATU

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds flew high and right over loft all day. They were easy to see all day.

S. Basic - DQ)

FTA97-602 606 and 624. Sex undetermined. Birds released at 450AM.
Disqualified because not down and trapped within hour.
Timed by David Dean and witnessed by Harry Smith, Tom Rankin and Dean Novin.

WEATHER:
Hazy, hot and humid.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
This is a YB kit which I thought would fly a great time. At 3PM heavy rain started and the birds were washed down. The heavy rains lasted only five minutes, but the birds stayed down until 4PM at which time they again took to the air and they flew strong until darkness.

While I was trying to drop the birds at 830PM, Harry Shannon, the world record Tippler kit flyer, called me from Ireland to wish me good luck. I was very happy to hear from Harry.
Unfortunately, I was already disqualified. I was not able to drop the birds. They flew over. Last time I saw them together was at 1030PM. Next day they were on the coop. I am very fortunate to have these birds and Harry Shannon's program. I would like to thank Dave Dean for being my timer and Tom Rankin for witnessing some of this fly. Both of them are great Tippler men and do an outstanding job.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
Kemo, that was quite a fly - from 450AM to 1030PM and then into darkness Sounds as if it could have been a YB record fly. Too bad the birds were washed down by the rain. While it is sometimes overlooked, as Central Timer I want you to know that the FTA appreciates the work done by members such as Dave Dean, Tom Rankin, Harry Smith, John Nicholas Hayes, Wally Wiechec, all of whom have served as Timers this year.

HONOR SYSTEM

Harry J. Smith - (10:02)

FTA97-2202,2201,2221,2222,2215,2203,2220,2224,2206,2211,2223. Eleven YB released at 545AM and Droppers thrown at 347PM. All birds came down together at 347PM and last bird in trap at 350PM.
Witnessed in part by Oskar Zovich.

WEATHER:
Overcast, rain. 50-60 Degrees. Winds variable and moderate and Humidity 75%.

FLYER'S COOMMENTS:
Birds looked great until they reached ten hours. One or two just died - must try again.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
Harry, I am really impressed by your flying YBs so well. What really impresses me is how you get them to drop so quickly. While I don't mean to put you on the spot, perhaps you will write an article for the Bulletin on how you train your YBs to droppers. I know our members will certainly be interested.

J. Contala - (06:15)

FTSS96-1083, 1093 and 1096. Three cocks released at 500AM and Dropers out at 11:15AM. Two down at 11:15AM and third at 11:16AM with last bird in trap at 11:45AM.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. 52-69 Degrees. Barometer 30.06R. Winds ENE at 8-14MPH and Humidity at 93-65%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds flew medium to low.

J. Kleis,Sr. - (04:17)

FTA97-717, 709,710,713,729,730,719,725,726 and 722. Ten YBs released at 945AM. Birds droped on their own accord all together at 202PM with last bird in trap at 210PM.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. 70-78 Degrees. Winds calm.
Witnessed by Phil Kleis.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Nice fly for a young kit. Will do better. These birds kit beautifully, nice and tight.

No other entrants.

cc: Russo, Basic, Smith, Contala, Kleis, Kvidera.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series II - Long Day Fly - June 21/22

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Joe Russo - (04:35)

ATU94-28 Black check. ATU95-66 Silver and FTA96-156 Blue Bar. Birds released at 435AM and all three down together at 910AM with last bird in trap at 955AM. Witness by John Nicholas Hayes.

WEATHER:

Cloudy. 76-90 Degrees. Barometer 29.95, Winds from SW at 10MPH and 71% Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Much too hot and no wind to get good time.

O. Zovich - (DQ)

OTU96-114.101,119 and 135. Four hens released at 437AM and last time seen at 903PM. Witnessed in part by Tom Rankin.
Disqualified because unable to drop and trap birds within hour.

WEATHER:

Clear. 68-90 Degrees. Barometer 101.25 Winds NNW at 15-25 Humidity 61%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds couldn't be located after 903PM.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

A tremendous fly, Oskar. It is a shame you couldn't drop them.

HONOR SYSTEM

R. Morden - 11:40)

FTA97-459,223,473,224,457,464 and 230. Sex undetermined. Released at 518AM Birds all down together at 458PM with last bird in trap at 516PM.
Witnessed in part by Harry Smith.

WEATHER:

Cloud cover nil. 70 in AM and 90-95 rest of day. Winds from SW . Humidity 35-45%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS: None.

John Kleis, Sr.- (06:25)

FTA97-722,725,726,730,719,713,729,709,710 and 717. Sex undetermined. All released at 545AM and all birds dropped together on their own accord at 12:10PM with last bird in trap at 12:20PM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 70-88 Degrees. Winds from SW at 10-15MPH and high humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds did great considering high humidity. I am well satisfied.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

And well you should be, John. I think that it is great to fly 10 youngsters for over 6 hours and have them all come down together.

Harry J. Smith - (05:12)

FTA97-2202,2201,2221,2222,2215,2203,2220,2224, 2206,2211 and 2223. Sex undetermined. Eleven birds released at 550AM and Fantail Droppers out at 1102AM. All down together at 1103AM with last bird in trap at 1104AM.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. 70-90 Degrees. Winds moderate and Humidity at 95%. Witnessed by Oskar Zovich and Ross Morden.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
A hot and humid morning. The birds were completely done in. I should have stayed in bed.

Joe Contala - 04:47)

FTS96-1083,1093 and 1096. Three cocks released at 451AM. Birds down at 938AM with last bird in trap at 10:15AM.

WEATHER:Partly cloudy. 67-83 Degrees. Barometer 29.95. Winds from WSW at 6MPH and Humidity at 93%

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Temperature went up - birds came down.

Dave Fuller - (02:32)

FTA97-2086 Red Self. FTA97-2085 Bronze Print and FTS97-742 Red Ck Spl. Birds released at 541AM and 6 Komorner Tulmblers out at 813AM. Two birds down at 813AM and the third at 814AM with last bird in trap at 856AM. Witnessed by Mary Anne and Andy Fuller.

WEATHER:
Clear. 78-83 Degrees. Barometer 30.08R. Winds from SE at 3MPH and 90-79% Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
This kit is made up of youngsters from Eddie Carlson. We're happy - any completed Summer fly is a good fly.

S. Basic - (DQ)

FTA97-633, 614 and 602. Sex undetermined. Released at 437AM and Fantails droppers out at 440PM. Birds came down at 640PM and last bird in trap at 645PM. Disqualified because birds not down and trapped within the hour. Timed by J. Basic and witnessed the last few yhours by Branko Prnanac.

WEATHER:
60-85 Degrees. Barometer 102.0 Winds from NW 15 MPH and Humidity 50-65.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
This was a very tough day to fly. It was a perfect opportunity to see the Irish birds' resistance to the heat. I think they did okay and hope to do better in two weeks.

T. Kvidera - (DQ)

FTA97-1704,1706 and 1709. Three cocks released at 452AM and 1st bird down at 930AM. Second at 210PM and third not yet.
Disqualified because unable to drop and trap birds within hour.

WEATHER:
Cloudy. 57-75 Degrees. Winds calm. Humidity sticky.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Kit handled release (first time out in AM) well. Although an unbalanced kit they had been doing 5-6 hours acceptably and dropping 15-25 minutes after sunset, but was unable to give them their last training flight. They did not appear to like working with no wind. Am sure two of them went down away somewhere, but couldn't find them.

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Summer Series III - July 5/6

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Kemo Basic - (DQ)

FTA97-633,614 and 602. Sex undetermined. Released at 440AM. One bird came down at 4PM and other two are still missing.
Disqualified because birds not seen every hour and unable to drop and trap within hour.
Timed by David Dean.
WEATHER:
Great day to fly.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Hope to do better in the Fall Series.

Joe Russo - DQ)

FTA97-10 Dun Mottle. FTA97-12 Black and FTA97-13-Black. Sex undetermined. Released at 509AM and 1st bird dropped down at 850AM. 2nd and 3rd birds failed to land within one hour of 1st bird.
Disqualified because unable to drop and trap kit within hour.
Timed by John Nicholas Hayes
WEATHER:
Fair. 65-85. Barometer 29.87 Winds WNW at 14 MPH and Humidity 67%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
None

HONOR SYSTEM

Joe Contala - 08:15)

FTS96-1083, 1093 and 1096. All cocks released at 530AM and Droppers out at 145PM. Two down at 145PM and third at 146PM with last bird in trap at 2PM.
WEATHER:
Partly Cloudy. 56-74 Degrees. Barometer 30.03. Winds from NW6-SW10 and Humidity at 86.40.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Nice day for a Summer fly.

John Kleis, SR. - 05:30)

FTA97-705,725,726 and 712. Sex undetermined. Four birds released at 803AM and birds dropped on their own accord at 133PM with last bird in trap at 145PM. Witnessed by Phil Kleis.
WEATHER:
Clear. 63-75 Degrees. Winds SW at 5-20 MPH.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Fly was not as long as I hoped it to be, but they made it up with a lot of beautiful high flying. I'm happy.

Tim Kvidera - 05:24)

FTA97-1719, 1720 and 1721. Sex undetermined. Released at 500AM and birds down at 10:24AM with last bird in trap at 10:28AM.

WEATHER:
Clear-PC. 49-70 Degrees. Barometer 29.8. Winds calm to SW 5-10MPH and Humid.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Very pleased with what this kit did. After proving my first kit was a flop last fly, put this one together quickly from 2nd round. Had only flown 5 times and only once before together as a kit. Wish I had another couple of weeks to get them into competitive condition. Kitted well and flew in great style - just not conditioned well enough to move this time.

BEST LOOKING BIRD

We would still like to receive some pictures from our members on the bird they consider to be their best looking bird in the Loft. Please get out those cameras and take some pictures for the next Bulletin. Send to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062

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FALL SERIES

The Fall Fly Series is rapidly approaching. It is for Young Birds only. Let's see how many members have their YBs ready to fly. The dates are as follows:

Sept. 13 and 14th
Sept. 27 and 28th
Oct. 11 and 12th
Oct. 25 and 26th (Stock Fly - Any Age)

Remember, Flying Rule 5 now states: "In YB Series, only youngster banded with recognized Tippler organization (i.e. FTA,FTS,ATU, OTU, etc.) bands are eligible.

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MEMBER PARTICIPATION

We would like to see more or our members participate in our competitive flys. Please make an effort to fly your birds in the Fall competitions. If you cannot fly, how about an article for the Bulletin. Surely, some of our members have some ideas, thoughts or something to add to the Bulletin that would be of interest to all. Don't leave it up to a few; we need as much help as we can get from our members to keep the FTA on an even keel. Please send articles to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

COMMENT

The article below was sent in by Kemo Basic and was written by Mr. Harry Shannon, Editor of the NTU Club news. As everyone knows, Mr. Shannon is the World Record Holder for flying Tipplers with a time of 22:05.

# COMMENT

Another season looms with all our expectations in prospect.

We had hoped to open 1997 with a "special" newsletter with pictures etc., unfortunately the eternal problem of a lack of contributors makes this a non-starter. We felt the few articles we have, would be better held until we can produce something that lives up to a special.

The very cold spells since the beginning of the year did not stop many fanciers putting birds together. I myself find, that providing a bitter east wind isn't blowing, birds are keen to go to west. This year I paired on 1st February, with luck this can give a choice of 2 rounds of youngsters approximately 14 to 18 weeks respectively, for the first national fly on 6th July. With losses, faults, etc, not to mention the high predatory rate in some areas, 20 plus young birds can soon be whittled down to half a dozen that can be relied on to give their best.

The breeding loft is, I feel the place where success is either gained or lost. Those of us who have preconceived ideas of what our birds should look like regarding colour etc. and forget the other seen and unseen attributes that are necessary, can go down blind alleys and end up with not always the best birds, either for future breeding or the best flying specimens.

There is of course no substitute for perfect health and vitality, and this must be the base prerequisite. Those of us who have produced birds that have given us everything we desire know what has to be maintained or even improved upon. I think a fault of those, new and not so new, breeding pigeons or anything else for that matter, is that they continue to attempt to breed what they "think" the previous owner would have bred, particularly if he is, or has been a very successful fancier. We still hear of those who say they are breeding Mr. so and so`s birds, even though the men credited with forming the breed has not bred tipplers for 20 years, or died many years previously. The best we can say is the type of bird we are breeding. The problem here being, if a bird is produced that looks true to type of a past successful fancier other things go out the window and the bird may, or may not be a key to their success. After even one generation of breeding we can`t really say, other than the results, that success is ours alone, because the previous owner may never have mated birds together that we do It`s much better to select the best bird or birds we have produced until we get a standard for the future. If we don`t see some potential in the first or second generation, then maybe another intelligent opinion will help. Remember success does not come without some effort. Give and get the best from your birds.

— Yours H. Shannon Editor

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Fellow members,

Regretfully, this is to inform you that the American Pigeon Club has been terminated as of June 1st, 1997. This is due to the lack of member participation and also the deteriorating health and ageing of the officers.

We have tried unsuccessfully to recruit responsible personnel to assume the duties associated with the club. Also, the band sales were way off, even with holding our price on the bands, below anyone else. Keeping our dues at $ 5.00 a year was a losing proposition and even then, the response for the 1997 dues was very poor.

The incorporation has been terminated. The Ulrich Fund, which was a grant from Mr. E.B. Ulrich which was intended to encourage African Owl and Tumbit breeders, has been returned to Mr. Ulrich's heirs.

The club will still have bands available for 1997 until the current supplies are exhausted. The dues that have been paid for 1997 are being returned to the respective members.

On behalf of John Costa and myself, this has been a very difficult decision to make, but we wish you all the best with your birds and any future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,
in the Fancy,
Bill Smith Sec.-Treas.

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# Histoplasmosis

Histoplasmosis is a disease caused by the fungus *Histoplasma capsulate*. The plant-like fungus gives off microscopic spores—its counterpart of seeds—that are light enough to float in the air. Once inhaled, these spores take root in the lungs, growing and multiplying rapidly and causing symptoms that range from mild to life threatening, depending on the number of spores inhaled and the person's general health. In rare cases, months or even years after the original infection, the disease infects the eyes, producing ocular histoplasmosis syndrome.

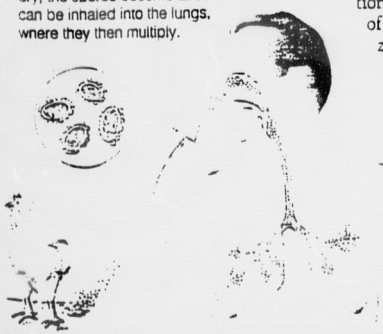
Histoplasmosis spores are most frequently found in the droppings from bats, chickens, and pigeons and other birds. They flourish in the warm, moist, dark places where these droppings accumulate: barns, pigeon roosts, chicken houses, belfries, caves, and the undergrowth of city parks where starlings are abundant.

Four types of histoplasmosis exist: *Mild histoplasmosis* has symptoms similar to those of a benign case of the flu—fatigue, a slight fever, and occasional coughing. Many infected people don't even notice them. This is the least serious of the four forms of histoplasmosis, and it commonly disappears after a few days without the need for any treatment.

*Acute pulmonary histoplasmosis* produces labored breathing, recurring fever and chills, and persistent coughing. It is confined to the lungs and is usually self-limiting. Even without treatment, this variation of the disease is likely to clear up, although it may take a month or more.

*Chronic pulmonary histoplasmosis* is characterized by weight loss, recurring fever, malaise, and coughing that may produce blood. About one-third of these patients improve spontaneously, whereas the remaining two-thirds tend to worsen gradually.

*Disseminated histoplasmosis* occurs when a large number of spores have spread beyond the lungs, settling in various organs, including the liver, spleen, gastrointestinal tract, bone marrow, lymph nodes, eyes, and in rare cases, the brain. This form usually affects only people with immune systems weakened by immunosuppressive drugs, or by AIDS, cancer, or some other disease. Without treatment, 10 to 30 percent of patients with disseminated histoplasmosis die within 4 to 10 months of contracting the disease.



Histoplasmosis spores are found in bird and bat droppings. When the droppings dry, the spores become airborne and can be inhaled into the lungs, where they then multiply.

**Questions to Ask Your Doctor**

- If I have histoplasmosis once, will I be permanently immune to the infection, or can I get it again?
- What type of facial mask filters out histoplasmosis spores?

**Diagnostic Studies and Procedures**

The goal of diagnostic procedures is to differentiate histoplasmosis from other diseases. In addition to chest X-rays, studies may include skin and blood tests. Laboratory examinations of sputum, urine, bone marrow, and a liver biopsy may also be ordered.

**Medical Treatments**

Depending on the extent of the infection, the medication of choice is either of two antifungal agents: ketoconazole (Nizoral), which is given by mouth, or amphotericin B (Fungizone), which is administered intravenously. If the infection has reached the central nervous system, as might happen in people who have AIDS, amphotericin B is injected into the spinal column.

While the adverse side effects of ketoconazole—nausea, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and itching—are minor when compared with those of amphotericin B—weight loss, anemia, fever, and kidney disorders—both of these drugs must be monitored closely because of their potential to produce liver toxicity.

Antifungal medications are not effective for treating the histoplasmosis syndrome that affects the eyes. In these instances, treatment consists of a combination of corticosteroids, laser surgery, and radiation therapy, all directed to the retina.

In cases of extensive lung damage, the affected portions of the lung may be surgically removed.

**Alternative Therapies**

The chief role of alternative therapies in treating these diseases is the strengthening of the immune system to help fight the infection.

*Herbal Medicine.* Herbalists recommend echinacea (purple coneflower) tea, black walnut extract, or pau d'arco, available as capsules, extract, and tea.

*Nutrition Therapy.* A nutritionist may recommend a diet rich in vitamin A and beta carotene to boost immunity; vitamin C, which is said to increase levels of interferon, a group of proteins that fight infections; vitamin $B_6$ (pyridoxine), to maintain a proper level of antibody production; and zinc supplements, which are also thought to strengthen the immune system.

**Self-Treatment**

Milder forms of histoplasmosis are treated with bed rest, extra fluids, abstaining from smoking, and avoidance of second-hand smoke.

To reduce the possibility of infection, city dwellers should avoid pigeon and starling roosts. Rural residents have a more difficult problem because they are likely to be surrounded by the airborne spores. The American Lung Association recommends taking the following preventive measures:

- Keep farm buildings, especially chicken houses, as clean and dry as possible. Before sweeping them out, wet down the floor to reduce dust.
- Wear a facial mask to keep from inhaling spores in areas where there are bat or bird droppings.
- Keep storm cellars clean and dry.

**Other Causes of Lung Symptoms**

Mild forms of the disease are often attributed to a cold or flu. Various other fungal infections can also be confused with histoplasmosis.

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Jack Prescott's book, "My Way with Pigeons. $10.00 cash. Write to: Jack Prescott, 6 Groore Avenue, Sheffield, S94GE, England

FTA JACKET OR HAT PATCH:
A beautiful 4" circumference patch depicting a Light Print Tippler on a royal Blue background with FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA in white letters.
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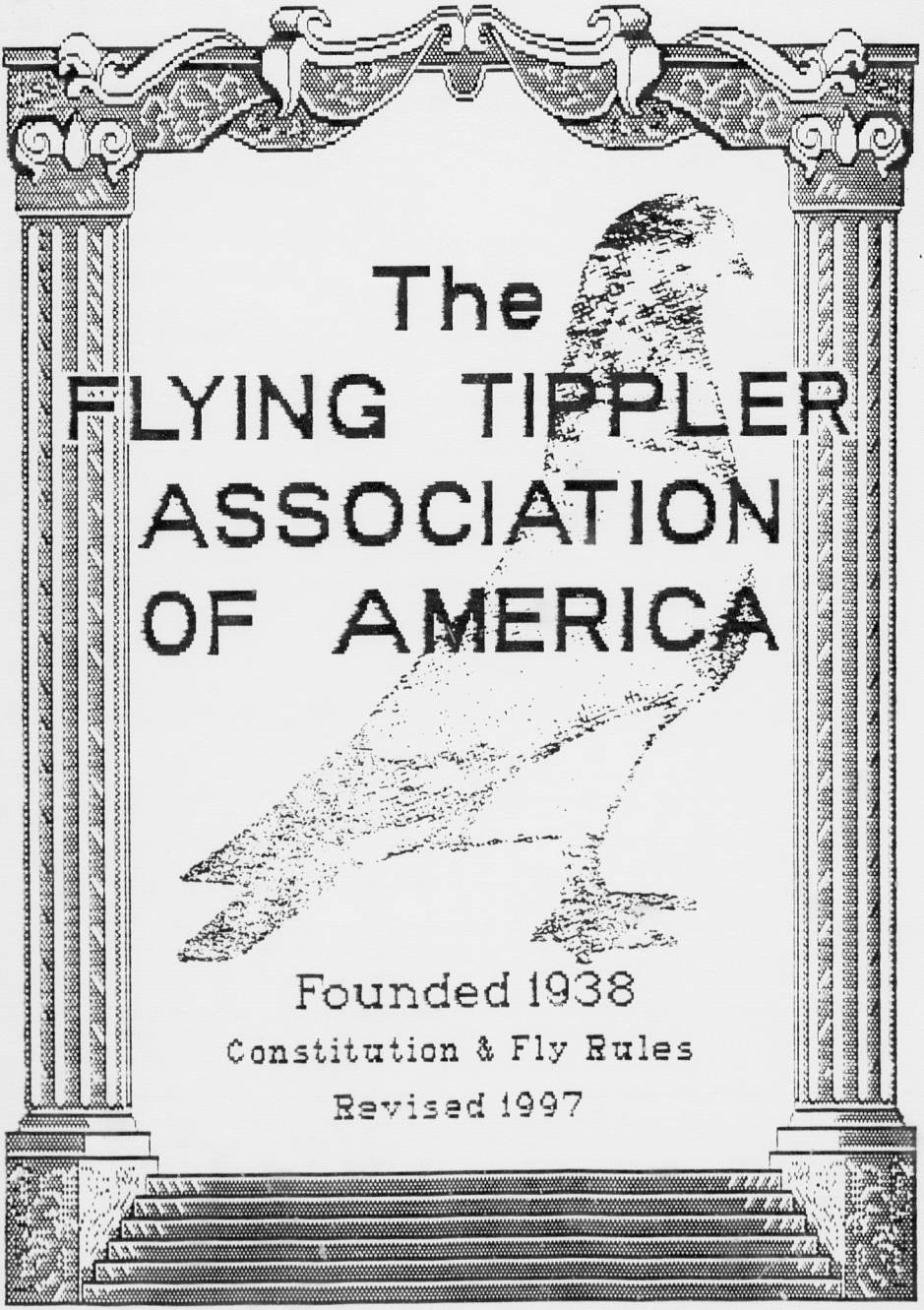
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Looking for Flying Flights with Caps or Plainheads. Various colors. Pleas contact Robert P. Rotschi, 3251 Greensburg Rd., Campbellsville, KY. 42718. Phone 502-789-3362 in evening after 9PM.

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If any of our members would like to put am Ad in this Section, just write it up and send it to Jerry O'Rourke,
201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062

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We received three photocopies of photographs of Kemo Basics' loft and Irish Delights. I'm sorry to say our photocopy machine could not reproduce them. We need the actual photographs and sometimes they don't come out right. They were great photos, maybe Kemo will send in the original photos.

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# The FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Founded 1938

Constitution & Fly Rules

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# OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION
# OF THE
# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## ARTICLE I
### Name

**Section 1.** This association shall be known as the "Flying Tippler Association of America." Wherever used in these documents the acronym "FTA" or the single word "Association," when capitalized, shall stand for the full name of the organization.

**Section 2.** The subordinate units of this Association shall be known as "Local Clubs."

## ARTICLE II
### Purposes

**Section 1.** The primary purposes of this Association shall be as follows: to provide a centralized organization for the flying tippler fancier and Local Clubs: to promote and regulate the sport in Association competition: to encourage by promotion of competitions, exhibitions, and by the general management and control of the tippler fancy shall thereby further the interest of all fanciers in the flying tippler pigeon.

## ARTICLE III
### Membership

**Section 1.** Any person regardless of race, color, sex, creed or national origin, shall be eligible for active membership in this Association.

**Section 2.** Any misconduct on the part of a member, or charge of dishonorable dealing, shall be investigated and if found guilty, he or she will be expelled from the Association.

**Section 3.** (a) Any person less than eighteen years of age will be designated as a junior member with no rights to vote.

(b) A junior member at any age may compete in official competition if the member can secure Qualified Timer as defined in Article V, Sec. 1.

(c) A junior member who has reached the age of 18, may act as a Timer for another junior member or a senior member in Official Flying Competitions, if the member can fulfill the requirements for Timer, Article V, Sec.1.

**Section 4.** All senior members shall have the right to vote and hold office, provided the requirements of Section 1 of Article VI are satisfied with respect to eligibility for election or appointment to national office.

**Section 5.** Local Club Membership - The Association will accept a Local Club membership after receiving a petition signed by three FTA members of that Local club. Upon acceptance, the Local Club shall be subject to the Constitution, Fly Rules and policies as set down by the Association as long as the Local Club remains active. Activity requires at least an annual meeting of the Local Club, and that at least three Association members be among the local club membership. Should the Local Club not have a representative on the Association Executive Board by way of the Association's bi-annual election said Local Club may select one of its Association members to be designated as the Local Club representative to the FTA.

**Section 6.** The Association shall award no more than one designation or appointment as Life Member in any two calendar years. This award will be made at the time of our bi-annual election. To be eligible the nominated member must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years.

## ARTICLE IV
### Dues

**Section 1.** Annual dues for senior and junior members to be set by the Executive Board and reviewed as needed for the financial stability of the Association.

**Section 2.** The membership will be effective for the January 1, through December 31, calendar year. Dues are received by Treasurer. The Secretary or Treasurer will notify each member in advance for renewal before the expiration date.

## ARTICLE V
### Flying Systems

**Section 1. Official System.** A FTA member may fly under the Official system by securing a Timer or Judge. It will no longer be necessary for a flyer to have a Local Club in the area. It is only necessary that the Timer or Judge be known as a Tippler Fancier, and a member of the FTA in good standing but not related to the flyer by blood or marriage or his or her loft partner. Non FTA members are permitted to be Timers in the Association's Official System contests if reviewed and accepted by a recognized Tippler organization as a Timer and notification of such acceptance is forwarded to the Association President and Central Timer prior to the fly.

**Section 2. Honor System.** Any member who cannot secure the services of qualified "Timer" may compete under the Honor System. Times flown in the Honor System shall be kept separate from the Official System. Also any record flown under this system may not be honored as club, national or world record, with the exception of the FTA Honor System record.

## ARTICLE VI
### Officers

**Section 1.** Any member of this Association is eligible for election or appointment to National Office if said member has been a member in good standing of this Association during the one (1) calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which said member is elected or appointed to national office.

**Section 2.** Duly elected officers shall assume their duties on the first day of January and the term of Offices shall be for two (2) years.

**Section 3.** The elected officers of this Association shall be:

(a) A National President.
(b) A Secretary.
(c) A Treasurer.
(d) Two (2) Vice-Presidents: an Eastern and Western Vice-President without designation of rank.
(e) Board of Directors--Five FTA members elected at large.
(f) Local Club Representative--An FTA member elected by Local Club.
(g) Publicity Director.

**Section 4. Duties of Office.**

(a) **National President** -- It shall be the duty of the National President to preside at all Association meetings and to govern the Association and exercise the usual functions of the presiding officer; he shall cast the deciding vote in all cases of a tie in Executive Board decisions.

(b) **Secretary** -- It shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish a receipt to the National President for such funds as are turned over to him by outgoing officers, and execute an inventory for such property as he may receive from his predecessor upon entering officer. He shall keep copy of the minutes of all association meeting and conduct all correspondence of the Association. He shall edit and publish the FTA Bulletin and distribute it to all members. Secretary may receive a salary of 10% of the year end book balance plus dues and bands paid.

(c) **Treasurer** -- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to furnish a receipt to the National President for such funds as are turned over to him by outgoing officers and execute an inventory for such property as he may receive from his predecessor upon entering office. He shall be custodian of all funds and properties belonging to the Association, pay all bills and expenses of same when authorized to do so. He shall order all bands and issue seamless bands on January 10 of every year, also throughout the year (unless sold out) until November of said year as ordered. There will be a charge set by the Executive Board for FTA seamless bands which shall be sold in multiples of twenty-five (25) only. HE SHALL SELL BANDS TO FTA MEMBERS ONLY. He shall keep an accurate record of all bands sold and to whom the bands are sold. He shall at the end of each year (December 31) prepare a financial statement showing income, expenditures, book balance, amount of deposit in bank, and any cash assets. He shall be prepared to present all receipts and documents relating to such financial statement. He should also take inventory of all FTA belongings. The complete financial and inventory report is to be published in the first quarter FTA Bulletin. He shall also submit a report to the Execute Board semiannually. Treasurer may receive a salary of up to 10% of the year end book balance plus dues and bands paid.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one individual if the need arises.

(d) **Eastern Vice-President** -- In the absence of the National President, or in the event of his inability to act, the Eastern Vice President will act as the presiding officer at any Association meeting or functions east of the Mississippi River.

**Western Vice President** -- In the absence of the National President, or in the event of his inability to act, the Western Vice-President will act as the presiding officer at any Association meeting club functions west of the Mississippi River.

(e) **Board of Directors** -- There shall be a Board of Directors made up of five (5) elected members of the Association who shall assist in all decisions made by the Executive Board in regard to Association business and functions.

(f) **Publicity Director** -- It shall be the duties of the Publicity Director to publish articles of interest in the various pigeon publications to make the Association better known to its members and also potential future members. Should the Publicity Director not be elected to one of the other offices on the Executive Board, he shall be sent a copy of all Executive Board communications to be kept abreast of Association activities.

(g) **Central Timer** -- It shall be an appointed position: this appointment is done by the Executive Board. Said person may be a non-flyer, but a member of the Association in good standing and of honest repute. All correspondence concerning Association participation in flying competitions shall be the Central Timer's duty. The Central

Timer shall keep a record of all entry fees received and forward such to the Treasurer. Central Timer will receive Timer's Report Forms from fly participants and, in a timely manner, compile fly results and report such results to the participating flyers after the competition of each fly; send all fees received to the Treasurer; send entrant's Timer's Report Forms and a complete flying report to the Secretary; and furnish a flying report to the Publicity Director.

**Section 5. Executive Board.** - The Executive Board shall be made up of the following officers: the National President, Eastern Vice-President, Western Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Local Club Representatives. The duty of the Executive Board shall be to decide upon all Association policies until the next bi-annual Election.

## ARTICLE VII
### Flying Competition

**Flying Competition** - The Association shall set dates for 13 competitions consisting of both a Saturday and Sunday. These 13 flying dates shall be broken down into four flying series.
**Weekday flying** - Those who cannot participate in the weekend FTA competitions may petition the Board to be allowed to choose consecutive weekdays during the week prior to the fly weekend.
**Flying Competition**: Winter Series - Any age kits
Spring Series - Old bird kits
Summer Series - Any age kits
Fall Series - Young bird kits only, followed by a Stock Fly made up of eight or more any age birds.
**Entry Fees** - There shall be a fee for each flying competition set by the Executive Board.
**Awards** - There shall be a recognition awarded to the winner of each Flying Competition who flys according to the Flying Rules of the Association, provided such fly has reached six (6) hours or more. Diplomas are awarded to all kits which fly eight (8) or more hours in FTA competition.
**Aggregate time** - The FTA Aggregate diplomas are awarded to the flyer with the highest summation of time flown in three of the four series in each competition year.

## ARTICLE VIII
### Affiliations

The FTA shall be affiliated with the National Pigeon Association and the American Pigeon Fanciers Council.

## ARTICLE IX
### Exhibitions

The Association shall hold one official meeting open to all members in conjunction with the NPA Grand National Pigeon Show. The National Show shall always be held in conjunction with the Grand National Pigeon Show, when said show is held in an area in which as Association member is willing to coordinate the FTA meet and meeting.

## ARTICLE X
### Amendments

**Section 1.** All amendments to either the Constitution or Fly Rules must be accepted by a majority vote of the Association membership during the time of the bi-annual election or a special election if deemed warranted by the Executive Board.

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**Section 2. Procedure.**

(a) Proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Association President and Secretary.

(b) During Officers' Communications, the Executive Board will discuss the merit of the proposed amendment and, no sooner than two communications later, they will ballot as to whether the proposal merits general membership consideration.

(c) By majority vote, if the Executive Board decides the proposal warrants membership consideration, the proposed amendment will be carried with a brief discussion of its ramifications in the FTA bulletin.

(d) Membership will be allowed until the next bulletin to forward their comments to the President and Secretary for publication in the bulletin.

(e) The proposed amendment will be listed on the next general membership ballot, issued no sooner than the bulletin after proposal introduction, and the decision rendered by a majority vote of ballots returned.

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
# FLYING RULES

1. Each flyer to fly minimum of three (3) to a maximum of seven (7) Tipplers in FTA competition excluding the Stock Fly where a minimum of eight (8) birds are required. Stock kits may be flown in any scheduled competition and compete on par with regular sized kits.

2. The kit longest on wing to win, providing that there are no objections made against them (kit and/or flyer) and that the kit flies to the following rules.

3. The FTA will not designate an official starting time, but will leave this up to the option of the Local Club or flyer. However, the Timer must be on hand to check the band numbers of each kit bird and to observe the release.

4. All competing birds must be banded with a reputable size 'A' seamless band showing the year, number and organization thereon, i.e., FTA, NPA, APC, UPF, or Local Club.

5. In Young Bird Series, only youngsters banded [illegible]ognized Tippler organization (i.e., - FTA, FTS, ATU, OTU, etc.) bands are eligible. Yo[illegible] may compete in old bird contests.

6. In any Association competition a flyer found flyi[illegible] sketched or tampered bands shall be disqualified.

7. Record Flys
   a. A record may be established either in a scheduled or in a prearranged fly. The flyer is required to have one qualified Timer. If a record is accomplished, it must pass a two thirds majority vote of the Executive Board before being accepted as a club record.

   b. In a prearranged fly, the flyer must inform the Central Timer and Secretary of the flyer's intentions a minimum of five (5) days prior to the fly date, and submit the name of the Timer and the date of fly.

   c. If a record is broken, a detailed flying report must be turned into the Local Club, and copies mailed to the FTA Central Timer and the Secretary within 24 hours following the fly.

8. Kit to be liberated no earlier than one hour prior to sunrise as stated in the local newspaper in that area, and released no later than ten A.M. on the morning of the fly, and at the termination of the fly settled within the Flyer's boundary, trapped and checked in by the Timer. In checking in, Timer must compare the band numbers of each kit bird with those numbers taken at the time of release.

9. Kit still on the wing at 12:00 midnight will be considered still on the same fly day until dropped and trapped, or disqualified for infractions of the flying rules.

10. Time is to be taken when; bird drops from kit without inducement, droppers put out, or dropping lights put on. Elapsed flying time determined by the difference between earliest of these times and the time of liberation.

11. Timer is free to judge from whatever location he considers best to verify that the kit is performing in compliance with the competition rules.

12. When first bird drops without inducement, droppers put out or dropping lights turned on, flyer has (1) hour to settle and trap the entire kit or be disqualified.

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13. Non-Kit Birds

a. DROPPER RULE -- Any breed other than Tippler may be used as a dropper working outside of a wire confinement or exposed directly to the flying kit. Tippler may be used in a wire confinement but not exposed directly to the flying kit at anytime during dropping and trapping period or anytime thereafter until band numbers are checked.

b. RETURNING BIRD -- Should any bird(s) return to flyer's loft during the flying period, time shall be noted, a description given, band number taken, and matter decided by the Executive Board.

14. Kit must be released within the flyer's boundary.

15. Flyer's boundary is 100 feet radius from center of flying loft.

16. Any bird settling within flyer's boundary at starting time, five (5) minutes from starting time shall be allowed flyer to get it on the wing again, should he fail to do so in the time limit, he shall be disqualified.

17. Birds dropping outside of flyer's boundary, time is to be taken and flyer is to be disqualified.

18. Any flyer's birds raking away from the sight of the Timer during the first 2 1/2 hours of the fly, shall be allowed the remainder of the first 2 1/2 hours or one hour, whichever longer, for birds to reappear in sight. Thereafter kit must be seen at least once an hour until the conclusion of the fly.

19. Should the Timer see just cause for disqualification, the Timer must acquaint the flyer of the reason, before leaving.

20. If a Timer refuses to sign a Timer's report, the flyer may submit it to the Central Timer with a complete report by both the flyer and the Timer and the fly will be taken under consideration by the Executive Board if the Central Timer feels it merits their consideration.

21. The Timer is to have access to any location he is appointed to judge.

22. Any Flyer insulting or hindering the Timer in the execution of his duties shall be disqualified. A report of the incident filed with the Executive Board by the Timer involved.

23. Anyone who is a FTA member, known as a Tippler fancier, not related to the flyer by blood or marriage, and not the flyer's partner, may act as a Timer if familiar with the Flying Rules and not barred from flying or being a Timer by the FTA or other Tippler organizations. Any pigeon fancier, preferably a Tippler Fancier who is approved by the recognized Tippler organization, may serve as a Timer for any FTA member. He does not have to be a member of the FTA. His Tippler organization acceptance must be sent to the FTA President and Central Timer.

24. A Timer may be relieved at any time during the day, but he must not leave until the relief Timer has arrived and been briefed and the band numbers of the kit given to that person. Both Timers must sign the Flying Report and state time that the relief Timer took over.

25. If the kit is on a split, not able to all be seen by the Timer at the same time, the flyer has thirty minutes to decide whether he will drop his kit or take a chance on their getting together. If he drops them within the hour limit, he gets credit for the time flown up to the time dropper is released. If the kit does not drop, flyer is disqualified. Should the flyer opt not to drop the kit and they can all be verified as flying, no matter how far apart they may be, time is allowed to continue until termination of the fly.

26. Should flyer decide to drop the kit, he should inform the Timer of his intentions to do so, and method of the drop. If eligible to drop kit, time is to be taken when method of drop is acted upon.

27. No gadgets or whistles are to be attached to birds in competition.

28. No one is allowed near the flying loft while the kit is flying, except with the permission of the Timer.

29. No flyer is to alter the appearance of the loft in any way within the seven (7) day period prior to the competition date.

30. Any nuisance belonging to the premises must not be allowed in the area during the competition.

31. The flying report must contain the following information: Date, name and address of flyer, age and sex of kit birds, starting and finishing times, number of birds in kit, band numbers of kit birds, time flown, summary of weather conditions and general remarks. Report must be complete and accurate, containing all the required information.

32. A copy of the flying report should be submitted to the Local Club, and the Timer's report to the FTA Central Timer. Submit in person or by mail within 24 hours after the fly.

33. Any circumstances arising that are not governed by the foregoing rules, the Executive Board shall have full power to act thereon, and their decisions in all matters will be final.

34. Band numbers of kit birds to be noted on flying report by the Timer before releasing the kit.

35. Upon being dropped and trapped, band numbers to be compared with aforementioned list. If not identical, flyer disqualified.

36. DRIVING BIRDS - Any person frightening birds or causing them to be frightened or chased, either directly or indirectly, the Timer shall satisfy himself that the flyer did not personally frighten his kit, or induce outsiders to do so. Otherwise, time shall be noted on flying report, and a complete report of the incident shall be submitted to the Central Timer. The Timer however, continues to time until the kit drops. Both times to be shown on flying report. Executive Board to rule on the matter and decide whether the kit is to be disqualified at the time of the incident or fly credited to the time of normal termination.

37. Lights may be used prior to release, to handle of kit, to verify band numbers, etc., but all artificial lighting in loft must be extinguished before the kit is released.

38. The use of artificial lighting when dropping the kit after dark will be permitted under the following rules:

    a. Any competitor's kit flying until dark (dark will be considered that period of time falling ten (10) minutes after official local weather bureau designated time for sunset) may continue to fly in competition as long as they can be seen at least once each hour.

    b. Birds are termed as still being a kit if they can all be seen in the dark at the same time, regardless of how far apart they are flying. No artificial lighting may be used for this task. Kit must be seen once each hour during dark flying.

    c. If the kit is seen to be split up after dark refer to rule #25.

    d. When flyer wishes to drop kit, he must inform the Timer that he is going to turn on dropping lights and the Timer will take time.

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e. The flyer will have one (1) hour from the time lights are turned on to drop and trap kit. Flyer may catch any bird actually roosting within the boundary. If not done in time limit, flyer will be disqualified.

f. If the whole kit is seen together after the lights have been put on, time is to be taken when lights were first shown, even though birds have not been seen within the hour allowed.

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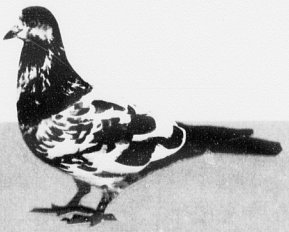
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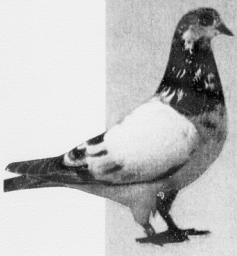
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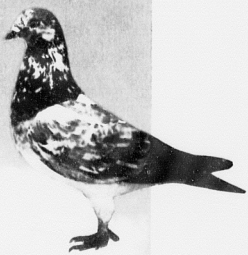
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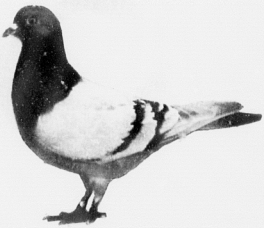


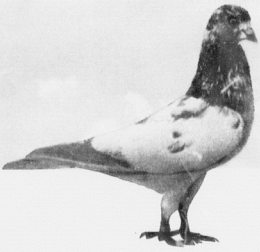
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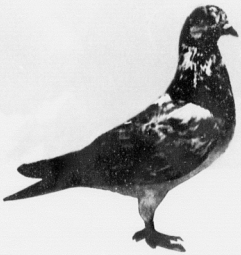
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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I write this, early February, the weather is mild and I have thoughts of pairing up the Tipplers for the 1998 breeding season. Actually, here in Minnesota we have had very little of "real" winter, at least by Minnesota standards. Could probably have put the birds together weeks ago. Actually have had the rare colored Homers together all through the winter and have a few youngsters to show for it.

Hope that all members have had their birds come through the winter well and that you are off to a good start to the 1998 breeding season. If you kept a few extra birds over hope that they settle well and you are able to make a decent old bird kit for the **upcoming fly season.** If you are able to get them ready early, remember we have a Winter Series that you can compete in starting in March. Any age birds can be flown in the Winter Series. The old bird flys start in the Spring Series, the end of April. But remember that we allow young birds to compete against old birds now in old bird competitions. So if you do not have old birds and are fortunate enough to have early youngsters you are welcome to put them up and see how they fare against the other kits. We would much rather you fly young birds in an old bird competition than not fly at all. The Summer Series is for any aged birds. And now the Fall series is reserved for young birds only, until the Stock Fly the end of October, in which any age birds are allowed. If you have any questions on how to get involved get in touch with the Central Timer, Jerry O'Rourke.

Jerry and I are in the process of going over the **Top Twenty times** and will be publishing them in the future. We plan to have records for each fly -- Spring I, Spring II, etc. and then overall top twenty for both old bird and young bird kits in both Official System and Honor System. Now that large kits can be flown in any competition we will start a top twenty for Stock Kits too in addition to those for the Fall IV fly.

Lynn and I when out to San Bernardino, CA for the **NPA Grand National** show in early January. Had a great time. When I talked of going back in August Lynn said something like....."California.....January.....I'm coming too" thinking that it would be a way to escape some Minnesota winter. Well as mentioned above we had not had any to speak of by then, but we returned to fresh snow, after snow, after snow. Got two feet of it in week and a half, never more than 5 - 6" at a time. But still no real cold. The show had just under 9000 pigeons. I entered Fantails and Indian Fantails. There were about 25 Flying Tipplers shown by six exhibitors, all from California. Eddie Peverill of Clovis, Norman Reynolds - West Covina, Madgid Harirchi - Chino, Bob Nolan - Dana Point, Charles Brunk - Perris and Daniel Calvert - Crestline. Had the opportunity to meet both Charles and Madgid. They and Eddie had birds entered that looked to be nice flying pigeons. The others were more show type birds. Sorry do not know how the judging went. Micheal Beat was there too, spent some pleasant time visiting with him.

**Time to remember your FTA dues renewal**. If you haven't done so already send them in to Jerry, ASAP. This might be your last Bulletin if you do not renew. There are plenty of FTA bands available too. Again contact Jerry. There club treasury is not flush with money, but in good enough shape that we, by popular demand, are bringing back the colored cover page. Joe did a great job of putting it together a year or so ago. Really dresses up the Bulletin. **Tell a friend about the FTA. Invite them to join.**

Best wishes, Jim

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# T I P P L E R  T A I L S

## RECORD KEEPING

Due to the new changes in the Fly Rules allowing YBs to fly in the Spring Series, and only YBs to fly in the Fall, etc., I have had to make some changes in the Top 20 flying Times in each Series. This is a formidable task and I can only go back to 1991 when I started as Central Timer. Tim Kvidera has some old records and he will endeavor to help me out on the years before 1991. I will now have to list in each Series the ages of the birds flown, and while I am at it, I will list the sex of the birds.
For example, in the Fall I,II and III Series (YBs only) the new record times will be listed in what was once a Series for OBs only. Through attrition, the YB records will eventually wipe out the OB records , however, the OB records in the Top 20 Overall will not be changed unless beaten by an OB record fly. This is also true for YB records. The Any Age bird records do create a problem and I will need some help from Tim on these in order to list them in the right age category. I hope I have not confused you on this ( I am confused myself), however, when the records are complete I will have them published in the Bulletin and the picture should be clearer.
s/Jerry O'Rourke, Central Timer.

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## 1998 FLY SCHEDULE

The 1998 Fly Sehedule was published in the December Bulletin. Please be mindful of the new changes in the Fly Rules. Our Winter Schedule starts on March 7/8 and it is for Any Age Birds.(I will list age and sex of birds in this Series as explained above.) While an OB Series, YBs may now be flown in the Spring Series flys. Summer Flys are for Any Age Birds and the Fall Series is for YBs only with the exception of the Stock Fly which is for Any age Birds. Remember that Stock Flys (8 or more birds) may be flown in any Series. They will be listed in each Series in which they participate, and they can qualify for the new Top 20 in Stock Fly competition.

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## SEASON PASS

Season Passes are available again this year for the cost of $20.00. This Pass allows a member to fly in all the competitions. It is a bargain for those members who intend to fly in seven or more contests. The cost of one Fly Sheet for each contest is $3.00 each. Please make checks out to the FTA and send to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062.

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## DUES for 1998

As I write this on February 10th, 1998, the following members have not applied for 1998 membership:

### Due in January

Basic, DePinto, Dimck, Garcia, Gaskins, Getka, Hayes, Kapa, Kobulsky, Krabbe, Lukez, Mahlstadt, Pisowicz, Powell, Rotschi, Serio, Shott, Tomsic, Van Dalen, Wilbanks, Zovich.

We hope that the above members will join with us for another year with the Flying Tippler Association of America. Send dues to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA., 02062. Make checks payable to FTA.

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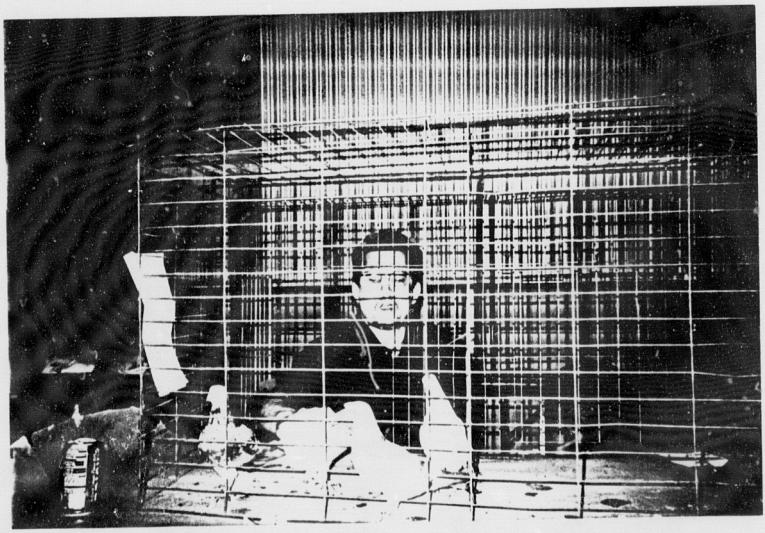
From The Secretary

On Jan. 9th, 10th and 11th the Reading Pigeon Show was held at the Sheraton Inn, Wyomissing PA. The following Tippler men were in attendance, Richard Seabridge, Ed Buraczewski, Ed Carlson, Nelson Garcia, Stan Ogozolek, Joe Russo, Stan Seibel, Steve Shott, Walter Wiechie, Ed Young, Tiny Concepcion, Clarence Williams, Erik Baker, Vinnie Rooney, George Cardona, Ryan D'Alessandro and a bunch of guys from Baltimore. Sorry I don't remember all their names. Joe Falcon judged the birds and did a great job. Joe knows Tipplers. He's always a big winner on the show circuit. He gave us A chance by not putting his birds in the show. Now all I have to do is get Tiny Concepcion, Ed Carlson and Ed Buraczewski to keep their birds out of the shows and I'll have a chance.

From The Judge Joe Falcon

Here are the results of the show (at Reading PA) Champion in the show was a blue Grizzle Old Cock 1849 owned by Tiny Concepcion. 1st Reserve Champion Mottle Young Cock 2099 owned by Ed Carlson, 2nd Reserve Champion Mottle Young Hen 2060 owned by Ed Carlson. There were some notable improvements that other exhibitors showed. One that comes to mind was from Joe Russo, his old cock finished behind the champion of the show. In my opinion his bird that day could have finished 1st Reserve Champion but I could only pick one pigeon from each class. My new E mail address is: "falcon 266 @ earth link net"

Photo Of Joe Falcon
Judging



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The 1997 National Young Bird Show was held on November 1 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The weather was great.

The total birds exhibited was approximately 6113 pigeons, of which 68 were Flying Tipplers. The tippler exhibitors were: Ed Buraczewski, Celestino (Tiny) Concepcion, Tom and Ryan D'Alessandro, Joe Falcon, Tim Kvidera, Al Ramirez. The Flying Tippler judge was Bill Jacox.

The outcome of the judging was:

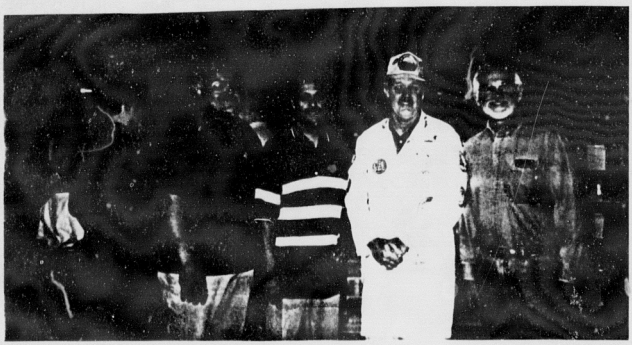
1st young cock - (Champion) - Ed Buraczewski
2nd young cock - (Reserve Champion) - Tiny Concepcion
3rd young cock - Tiny Concepcion
1st young hen - Al Ramirez
2nd young hen - Joe Falcon
3rd young hen - Tom and Ryan D'Alessandro

A compliment was made by the judge to the exhibitors on how difficult it was to pick the top birds because of the quality of the birds shown and that it was nice to see that the standard of quality has gone up.

There were quite a few Tippler fanciers and flyers at the Show and there was plenty of good Tippler talk. Among those present was Michael Beat, Joe Contala, Dave Fuller, Bob Rotschi, Oskar Zovich and Walter Wiechec.

I had a great time at the show and I'm looking forward to next year, 1998.

Photo from left to right- Tiny Concepcion, Al Ramirez, Judge Bill Jacox and Ed Buraczewski.



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# FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAG

Udo Begert, RR #2, Cambridge, Ontario, Candaa N1R-5S3

Enclosed you will find $$ to cover my dues and band order of 50. Please keep the change for the club. After a few years peace with the hawks, they are now back. This time it's the Cooper's Hawk. I have watched the hawk on one occasion do away with two of my birds by the same hawk. You have no idea just how skillful these Cooper's hawks are at catching pigeons!! Anyways, wish everyone a prosperous New Year with their birds.
Yours in the hobby. s/Udo Begert

Udo, thanks for the renewal and donation. I am well acquainted with the Cooper's Hawk. Just yesterday a Hawk knocked down one of my Tipplers just as it was coming down on the loft. Except for the fact that I was there, that bird would have been gone. I scared the Hawk away and picked up the wounded bird and put it in the Loft. The wounds were superficial and the bird will live to fly another day.

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Luka Kapac, 676 Chiron Cres, Pickering, Ontario, Canada L1V-4V1

I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am sending a money order of $$$ for the membership, 25 bands and 2 Time Reports. My brother, Srecko, will be in touch with you very soon - he has decided to take up the Tippler sport and join the FTA. I will be giving him about 5 pairs of birds to start him off.
As for myself, I have chosen 5 hens to use for the upcoming year. I hope they do as well this season as they did in the past. I flew them over 12 hours a couple of times in '97.
Once again, wishing you a safe and happy Holidays and only the best of luck in the New Year. (birds included.) s/Luka

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Conrad G. Suchon, 1434 N. 2nd Dr., Stevens Point, WI. 54481-9661

First, you have my permission to print my letter in our March 1998 Bulletin.
Second, thank you very much for your help. I did call Mr. Bela Kiss.
I am sending him a money order for 3 pairs of pigeons (tipplers) plus shipping. These he will ship after New Years. Mr. Bela Kiss is a very fair man. Really willing to help me get started in Tipplers. All clubs need generous members like him.
Yesterday I helped a Roller man get restarted in the hobby after having given up for a few years. After he had driven over 3 hours to reach my home, he and his wife were more than welcomed. They watched my kits fly. I gave him a few birds they picked out in the air. Also, 2 pair of breeders which I used for feeders the last 2 years. They asked what my price was. I told them nothing just treasure them, and remember me when you pass their young on to someone else in need, for the same price.
Anyway, I am sending you a check for 25 bands and the extra $ is for postage. Now that I will have 3 pairs of breeders I will need the bands.
I already have made a kit box (2 compartments). They will hold 8 birds each. Young birds this year. Next year 1 side for YB and the other for OBs. I guess I'll learn from my mistakes hereon. Thank you for the envelope of information you sent me. It was quicker than I imagined it would be.
s/ Conrad Suchon

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Jim Boyd, P. O. Box 310, Chesapeake City, MD. 21915
Please find enclosed Money Order for $$ to join the Flying Tippler Association of America. I left the FTA because I had to go back home. Now I am back, I hope for good. I hope you and all the family had a wonderful Christmas. In closing I would like to wish you, your wife and all the family a very happy and peaceful New Year. I hope you have a great breeding and flying year in 1998. Your Northern Ireland friend, s/J.B.

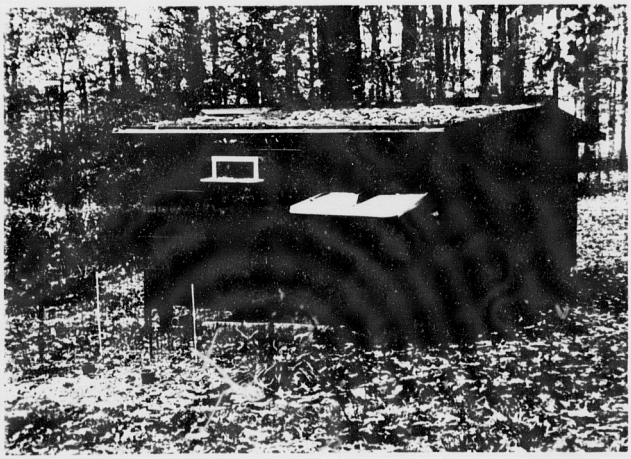
**Jim, we are pleased to have your back with us, and I hope you will be able to get some Tipplers soon. As a note, Jim came from Ireland to this country to train racing horses in Maryland and Kentucky.**

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Ed Reardon, 85 Lacy Rd., Jaffrey, NH 03452
Thanks for the information on the Club. I'm glad I joined. I received from Eddie Carlson down in Effort, PA., 5 pairs of the Lovatts. I had called him before I wrote to you. I also got a letter from Bela Kiss. He had 10 pairs for sale, but that would require 2 boxes so I'll go with my 5 pairs and see what I can do. But I'd like 50 bands. So I'll enclose a check and you can sent them whenever. I don't breed until March 1st. Have a good year and I'll do my best. Thanks, s/Ed Reardon

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Robert J. Rugaber, 492 N. Duffy Rd., Butler, PA. 16001
Here is my check to cover dues and 25 bands. A varmint got into the breeding loft in April and killed all but two hens and four cocks. No young banded and the pairs never hatched another thing. So pretty much out of business. Ready to quit. Spent the last few weeks remodeling the Loft into 3 flying lofts and a breeding loft for 12 pairs. Not sure what I'll do. A pix of my loft enclosed. s/Robert Rugaber



Bob Rugaber's very neat looking Loft - really nice!

# FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAG

Conrad G. Suchon, 1434 N. 2nd Dr., Stevens Point, WI. 54481-9661
Enclosed find check for membership for the FTA. If i is more than this, please let me know.
Tonight I talked with Gary Hulst of Michigan about purchasing some Tipplers. He referred me to Tim Kvidera of Minnesota who also gave me a couple of names of other flyers. Haven't found any to purchase as of yet. I told them I was joining the Club. I'm looking for birds from active flyers, which is the proper way of buying.
I have Rollers which I compete with. I've had these since 1966. We have the Wisconsin Flying Roller Club with about 20 plus members. My birds usually come in the top 5 or 6. I took 2nd place in Young Bird fly. Myself and a couple of Racing Homer fans are interested in flying tipplers, also for local competition. Please send me a price list of bands, Fly Rules, and possibly your last Bulletin. I had some Tipplers back in 1966. I also have the Time Flying Tippler Book 1961 Edition and the 1971 APJ Tippler Special. Any information on area flyers would also be appreciated.I do plan on competing with your club. Thank you very much. s/Conrad G. Suchon.

**We welcome Conrad to the FTA and have sent him our Tippler Package for new members. By now, he probably has gotten in touch with some of our members for some breeders. If any of our members would like to get in touch with Conrad to help him out, his number is (715)-344-5652.**

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Harry J. Smith, 3105 Queen Frederica Dr., Mississauga, Ont. L4Y-3A5
Up to date our Winter has not been too bad. Some members of our club are still raising young birds. They must think it is still Summer.
I trust that you and yours are keeping well and I hope that 1998 will be kind to you.
Enclosed find payment for 1998 membership plus 25 bands. I will be in touch with you later on. s/Harry J. Smith

**Best wishes to you also, Harry and keep up your great flying record in 1998.**

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Ed Young, 209 Greenwood Ave., Wyncote, PA. 19095-1326
Enclosed dues renewal and money for 50 bands, balance for Postage. Thanks for being involved in the flying Tippler breed. Time permitting - will make every effort to fly birds this season. Keep 'em flying. s/E. Young

**Thanks for the renewal, Ed, and I hope that you will fly with us in 1998.**

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Stan Ogozalek, 23 Orchard St., Hazlet, NJ 07730
Enclosed you'll find a check for my dues and 50 bands. All the best.
s/Stan Ogozalek

**Spoke with Stan on the phone also, and he is looking forward to the 1998 season with great anticipation.**

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Kelly Kinkade, 7137 Wedworth, Waterford, MI. 48327-3762
Enclosed please find a check for my 1998 FTA dues. Dave Fuller and a couple other tippler men at the Louisville YB show made the sport sound very interesting. From what I heard I just have to give it a try myself. Being so new to the sport, I am interested in any information I can find. I'm

sure the club newsletter and corresponding with those I met at Louisville will give me a good start.
Currently, I raise white racing homers. I am a member of the American Racing Pigeon Union. My father has raised fancies since he was a boy and my brother raises Dragoons and racing homers. So we are not new to pigeons. Still, none of us have had Tipplers before. As I learn more about the breed and training methods I may drop you a line with a question or two.
Thank you for processing my membership. Sincerely, s/Kelly Kindade.

**I sent Kelly our membership package. Here is a chance for the membership to help out a young man new to Tippler flying. I am sure Kelly would love to hear from any members who would like to send him some information about Tipplers and their training methods.**

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Joe Contala, 1005 Brower Dr., Roselle, IL. 60172-=1709

Merry Xmas and a happy New Year to you and your family. Hope all is well. Enclosed is check for membership and 50 bands. Will get back to you for Season Pass if it's still alive. It's a great idea. s/Joe Contala

**Joe, the Season Pass is still in effect, and you are right, it is a good idea and saves our members some money.**

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Bill Baker, RR #3, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada K9J-6X4

(Bill sent me a letter inquiring when his dues were due. I sent him an answer and asked Bill if he might fly his Tipplers in our competitions this year.)

Bill's Reply: Many thanks for the above letter. I have enclosed dues. I don't have any Tipplers now Jerry, just homing pigeons. I still like the Tipplers and enjoy the Bulletin you people put out. Am getting to an age when I'm going to have to get rid of the homers. Thanks for all you do. s/B. Baker

**Bill: Thanks for the kind words. May you never be too old to keep and enjoy your pigeons.**

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John Kleis, Sr., 423 Dugan Rd., Richfield Springs, NY., 13439

Enclosed is check for my 1998 Dues and 50 FTA bands. I received the FTA Bulletin yesterday. Thanks a lot, always interesting. Hope everything is OK by you. Your friend, John.
PS - only breeding out of 5 pairs this year. Could you send me bands in the 5s, 6s,8s or 9s. Any one of these numbers would be fine.
The Irish birds in the Bulletin are beauties. Nice birds.

**Thanks John. Glad you enjoyed the Bulletin. By now, you should have received band nos. 601-650 as requested.**

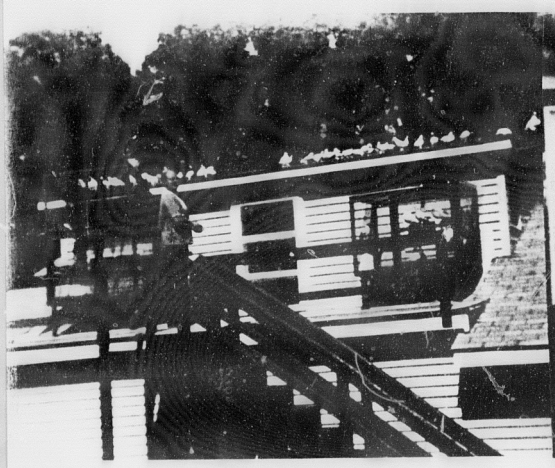
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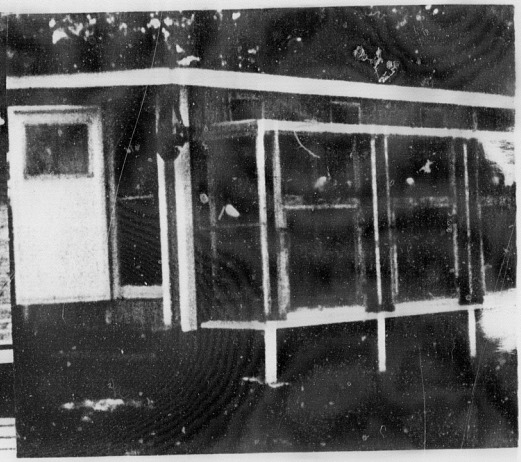
From the Tippler Mailbag:

Eddie Carlson, 192 Cress Drive, Effort, Pa. 18330

Enclosed is my dues for 98 and for 25 bands, the rest whatever. The one picture is of my Breeding Loft and the other is of my Flying Loft. The other picture is of one of my mottle hens. I am getting ready to go to the Reading Pigeon Show on Jan. 9,10 and 11th. Hope all is well and have a great New Year. Keep 'em flying. s/Eddie Carlson.



Ed's Flying Loft



Ed's Breeding Loft

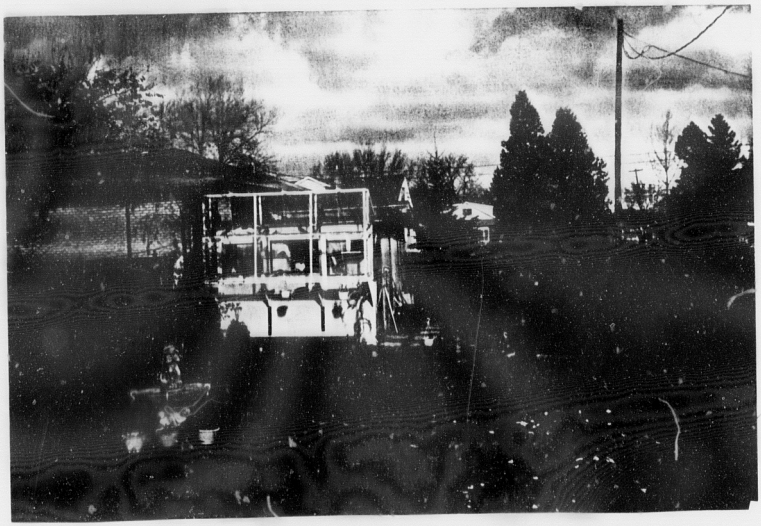


Beautiful Mottle Hen

From the Tippler Mailbag:
Ross Morden, 1089 Westmount Ave., Mississauga, Ont. L5E-1X6
Am enclosing money for dues, Season Pass and 50 of the 1998 Bands. All the best in the New Year. Yours, Ross Morden.
PS=Keep up the flying. Some pictures of my Coop,etc.



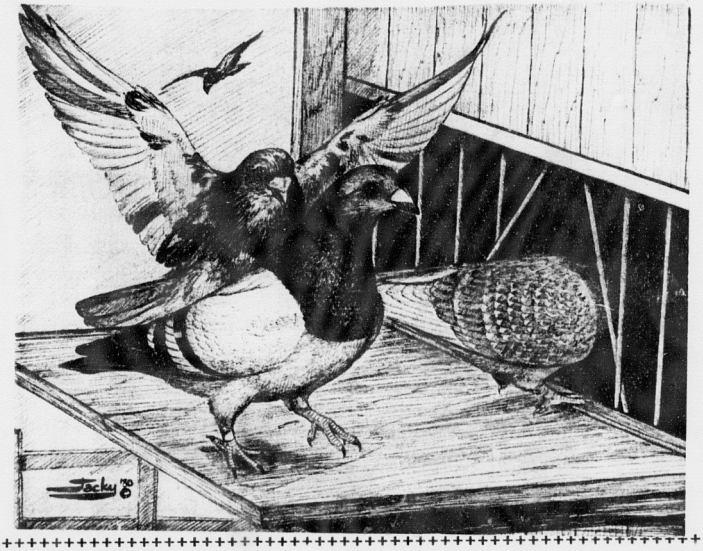
Ross Morden (with Straw Hat) and Italia at Tom Rankin's for BBQ and Show



Ross Morden Loft

Howard Kogan, P.O.Box 370, Stephentown, NY, 12168
Best wishes to you and your wife for a better and healthier New Year. Since I don't have any Tipplers I debated whether or not to rejoin, but for old time sake and sentimentality I've decided to rejoin for '98. Check enclosed. Yours, Howard

**Howard, we are very happy that you have decided to rejoin us for another year. Below is a copy of the nice Pigeon card Howard sent.**
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January 10, 1998

Dear Jerry,

I hope, you and your family had a great holiday season.

Enclosed please find a check for $30.25 covering the annual dues, 25 bands and three 1998 flight reports. Please forgive me for being late, but I have been changing job and as a result, I have fallen behind on many things.

Unfortunately, I was unable to participate in as many fall flights as I hoped for. This was because I ran out of birds! After my first flight, I lost 10 good birds in one night. Since my loft is in the middle of lots of trees, sometime when the birds come down late and it is rather dark, they roost on the roof of the house. Unfortunately, some predator has discovered this and visits them over night and takes all or a lot of them. Recently, I lost another 6. Usually, when this happens if any bird is lucky to come back the next day, it is badly injured. I have a couple right now recovering. I have never seen a cat up there and I can not think of any other animal around here that could climb to the roof. Whatever it is, it is not happy with just one or two, it tries to kill and take them all.

Thank you for putting me in touch with Joe Russo. I have talked with him a couple of times, but I have not been able to visit him and sending the birds through the mail is rather expensive. As you know, I had only two good breeding pairs but for some reason, one of my breeding females recently got sick and I could not save her. I have to get a few more birds if I want to fly this year.

Do you subscribe to Pigeon Debut? I do, but I have not received any issues for the last few months! Are they still in business?

In conclusion, I would like to thank you and the rest of our officers for the excellent job that you all have been doing. I wish you the best of luck and lots of happiness for 1998.

Regards,

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Sent NOV+DEC Pigeon Debut
1/16/98
25 bands + 3 flights

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# T I P P L E R  T A I L S

## CANADIAN NATIONAL TIPPLER UNION

I have been advised by Kemo Basic that the Ottawa Tippler Union has officially changed their name to the Canadian National Tippler Union.

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## FROM FAR AWAY INDIA

I have received a letter from a Mr. C. Murugesh of the Madras Tippler &Tumbler Pigeon Fancier's Association, Tamilmadu, South India. He stated that he saw our ad in the FTA Bulletin (he must mean the Pigeon Debut), and he wanted to know all about the FTA.

Mr. Murugesh is the Sectetary of the Madras Tippler Club and he said that in their competitions, only a single bird is flown "in very, very, highest hot summer session, minimum 105 to above 110 Degrees and continues for 5 days daily 8AM to 2PM or 4PM. His Tippler best flying times was 1st day at 8:30, 2nd day at 8:45, 3rd day at 9:00, 4th day at 7:45 and 5th day at 9:30 and he won the competition." (I do not know if he means he flew one bird for 5 straight days in that hot temperature, or a different bird each day. I doubt if one bird could handle that flying never mind the heat.)

I sent Mr. Murugesh some material about the FTA including some of our flying times. He sent me the pictures below. I assume he is the gentleman receiving the award and those are his trophies. (He did not mark them for me. Our reputation is getting world wide as is the love for Tipplers.)



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Regd. 70/94

# Madras Tippler & Tumbler Fanciers Association

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From our English Correspondent

and good friend, Jack Prescott

To the novice: If he accepts specimens of a good flying strain, from a successful Tippler fancier and he follows instructions strictly to the letter, then such a novice will get good results in all but geographically hopeless places.

Basically and in theory, a kit of 3 to 5 is selected and trained. The theory being that such pigeons will fly until "droppers" are fluttered on the loft top. Then ideally, the kit is supposed to realize that permission to drop is given and drop with little delay. Also ideally, is the kit that is too well trained or too nervous to drop without the appearance of the droppers (usually a few white or 1/2 white pigeons specially kept for that job). In extremes, the kit can be flown into darkness before some form of loft top lights combined with droppers gives clearance for the kit to drop. It seems that the fluttering action of droppers is what entices the kit to drop. These ideals, however, have failures. 1) Sometimes the kit will not respond to droppers due to being too nervous, too full of energy, too stupid or not correctly trained.

The prevailing method is to produce about ten young Tipplers and from the age of three weeks old start to put them out on the loft top for initial loft training. Before they are able to fly, such young ones are trained to be familiar with the loft surroundings and are in fact basically loft trained. At the same time such youngsters are also trained to be at ease in the company of a few "droppers." Droppers usually being white or mostly white pigeons that are of limited flying ability.

The best droppers will fly a few laps around the loft area and then drop with confidence on the loft top and nowhere else but the loft top. Such droppers will tolerate being "buzzed" from the loft top to fly their few laps time and time again, but they will only drop on the loft. Such droppers are of great importance. Such droppers were used by the stray pigeon catchers during the 1930's. It is a definite fact that a very tired, hungry, thirsty, lost and/or very nervous pigeon will respond to any group of pigeons that displays confidence in the way that they circle and drop to any given area.

The operating of a few droppers is a work of art. They must be of correct temperament and hungry enough to want to scramble for a few grains of seed. Therefore the gregarious nature of all young pigeons is exploited. In the initial stages of flying, the young Tipplers can be held in check by such droppers. Therefore, between the age of 3 and 7 weeks old the aim is to loft train the young Tipplers and prevent them from flying by the intense use of these very valuable droppers.

The last thing I ever wanted to see, was my own young Tipplers up to 1,000 feet plus and training out of sight of my loft at 7 weeks old or less. In fact my own statistics indicate that up to 13 weeks old, pigeons are extremely vulnerable and most likely to get themselves lost. During this crucial period, dropper trained Tipplers are at a severe disadvantage for the very simple reason that they will respond to any fluttering pigeons if they become the least bit disorientated, tired or generally upset. The number of very well beard Tipplers lost between 7 and 13 weeks old is unbelievable.

During 1955 to 1960, I used the following system. I trained several old hen Tipplers to fly every day. This obviously cut their time and excessive range right down. These hens would do a couple of hours, never ranging too far and always they were allowed to drop with confidence when ever they were ready

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Now these hens were my schoolteachers. At 7 weeks old, I would encourage my young Tipplers to join up with these hens, just for a few minutes before the hens looked like dropping. Gradually, I would increase the time and finally would put out all of the schoolteachers hens, plus all of my young Tipplers to fly as a kit. I knew that the time and range and height would not be too excessive. Of course, I'd put up the droppers as a mere formality, just as the hens and young were "looking," ready to drop. This I would do until the young ones were 13 weeks old, then I'd fly the young ones without their teachers. My losses were very few indeed. Subsequent flying results were excellent. High flying, range and style were not affected by this initial control.

In passing, I will also mention that I could fly "something" all the year round, if only for my own pleasure. These schoolteachers or my adult Tipplers that were not intended for the marathon selective long time attempts could be flown for pleasure all the year round.

I did learn that strict dropper training will cause trouble with regular flying. The reason for this is that dropper training also creates a fear of dropping to the loft top unless droppers are present. After a while, such regularly flown Tipplers always drop elsewhere, mostly out of sight of their loft. That is why regulars, MUST ALWAYS be allowed to drop whenever they wish to drop. I'd even encourage them to drop, no matter how little time they flew. In conducive weather such Tipplers would always give a couple of hours of excellent high flying. In these cases I did not want more.

"signed," Jack Prescott

IMPORTANT POSTSCRIPT

My young Tipplers were placed in the same loft as my schoolteachers as soon as they look able to pick up their feed efficiently. From 3 weeks of age, my youngsters were trained to be very familiar with the hens. The youngsters had watched the hens during exercise, they had seen the hens drop, they had scrambled into the loft along with the hens, they had fed and perched up along side the hens. The loft was a 5 foot cube with about 20 inverted Vee perches. When the youngsters were 13 weeks old the schoolteachers were lofted separately and the youngsters were then flown as a young kit in a conventional manner and trained strictly to the droppers and into the late dusk of evening. I never gave them longer than 7 hours flying (the final 7 hours of daylight per fly). Then on the selected marathon fly day, I would throw them up at dawn. On this system, I had very few culls, hardly any losses and highly satisfactory times, plus good style.



(letter from Kemo Basic)

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Hi Jerry,

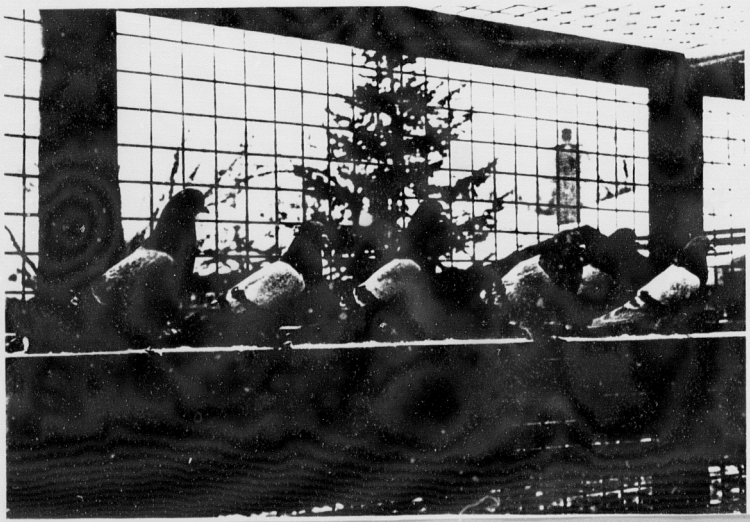
For a few years, David Dean has been trying to develop a "perfect print Tippler". I visited him and found that all of his 150 birds are beutiful "perfect prints". Great job David!

When Tom Rankin was replacing the old roof of his house with metal sheeting he slipped and sustained a back injury. He is recovering nicely. Take care Tom and make sure you are in the best shape for the new flying season.

In 1995, Tom Rankin imported birds from Harry Shannon of Ireland:
NTU 614-94, blue cock, flew 19:00
NTU 222-95, dun chequered hen (a beauty), flew 19:02
NTU 640-94, blue cock, flew 18:00
NTU 626-94, blue hen, flew 18:00
NTU 239-95, silver, flew 19:02
NTU 622-94, grizzle, flew 19:18 (This hen's two brothers flew 22:05)
The times recorded are young bird flying times.

In the fall of 1996, I received four pairs of Tipplers which are offsprings of the birds listed above. Now I have five pairs of breeders and five old cocks for the next flying season.

Best wishes!



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# The 15¢ Solution

by JOHN HANSON, Minneapolis, Minn.

Reading over my April 1992 APJ, I came across an article by Anne Ellis, East Moline, Ill. I found this article very refreshing and interesting, as it applies to all pigeon breeders. These are the kind of articles I buy the APJ for, to read about the different problems and solutions other breeders have and how they solve them.

I thought that it was quite ingenious the way Anne Ellis solved this problem with a loaf pan. We need more articles written by the female fanciers, as they may see things in a different light.

Some years ago, I had the same problem that Anne Ellis had, splay-legged (Fig. #1) youngsters. I would get one or two a year. It always seemed to come out of my best pair or a young one that I really wanted to raise. Left unattended the baby would grow into an adult that would be deformed and could never breed.

What we use to do was to double band them. Then connect the two bands with a rubber binder (Fig. #2). This would keep the legs in place while the baby is growing. At the same time it will allow the youngsters legs to move and get stronger as it grows. When the bird gets old enough to leave the nest, just cut the rubber binder (Fig. #3). If needed you can put the rubber band back on again. After a few days if all is well cut off one of the bands. What I use is one band of the current year and one of a previous year. I put the band of the previous year on the splay-leg. That way I can see how it has healed. Only be sure to cut off the band from the previous year, not the one from the current year.

Although I have not had one of these splay-leg birds for some years, I can remember when I did. I often wondered what was the case of this condition? Is it inherited, could there be some kind of recessive gene that caused this? The results of a poor diet, deficient in calcium? Poor nesting material – just what causes this condition? An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure. I hope this article will stimulate some other articles from other fanciers who have had experience with splay-legged youngsters. I would like to hear from some of the geniuses, do they believe it is inherited? The nutrition or maybe some of the pill pushers have an answer. There is an article written by Robert J. Mangile "Information Please" Maybe he could address this problem. Not so much the cure, but what's the cause? How can we prevent this from happening to us?

I want to thank Anne Ellis again for writing an article on the 69¢ solution, as articles like this cater to more of the fanciers than club news or show reports. The only person who cares who had the best turkey neck swan, or the turkey neck swan club news is the breeders of turkey neck swans. Of which I am not. In my opinion it would be nice to read more articles from some of the every day breeders as to their problems and solutions.

TIPPLER TIPS

With the breeding Season fast approaching, this article might be helpful to any members who might experience this splay legged condition in their birds.

This article was written by Ann Ellis of East Moline, IL., for the April, 1992, edition of the American Pigeon Journal.

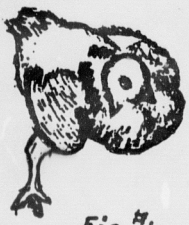


Fig. #1

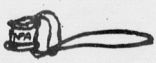


Fig. #2

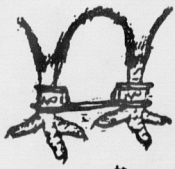


Fig. #3

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(Submitted by Harry J. Smith)

CROSS-BRED TIPPLERS

By George Smith, 1904

It will perhaps surpise many to know that the majority of birds which are flown in long-time flying contests are not the pure Macclesfield Tipplers which have been flown in the locality of Congleton and Macclesfield for many years. From what I can learn these Congleton fanciers always had the idea that the best birds are produced by breeding from related parents. This has been done in that locality to excess, which has caused the pure type to be small and of a delicate nature, therefore they cannot stand the wear and tear they sometimes have to go through, and at the present time there are very few capable of flying the clock round. Certainly they are a class of bird with a pretty wing action, and good ones will fly well without much trouble, but still they have not the strength to fly the time as other birds do. The flying qualities of the pure Pottery or Congleton Tippler have been thoroughly tested by experienced fanciers where handicap flying is all the rage, and they came to the conclusion that they require crossing with stronger birds - the old Leicester Non-Tumbling Tumbler or a stronger class of Tipplers suit them as well as any. The result of this experiment proved a great success, their offspring being larger and possessing more bone and muscle, which enables them to fly considerably longer. The best birds I ever flown was bred from a little Greasy hen, as light as a feather on the wing, and a Non-Tumbling Tumbler cock. The youngsters they bred were large, powerful birds with strong wings, much like the father in their appearance, but following the style of the hen in their butterfly wing movements. I have never come across their equal for very high and long flying. The Sheffield cross-breds have won for themselves a great reputation for long endurance, having frequently flown in flying contest, fifteen, sixteen and seventeen hours at a stretch.

Most of these birds by their appearance have more of the Tumbler blood in them, which the colour and shape of them testify. However, they are not birds that would suit everyone who keep Tipplers for pleasure, simply because there is not style about their flying, seldom rising much higher than a church steeple, rambling backwards and forwards the whole of the day. They are very intelligent birds, you can teach them almost anything, a good proof of which I noticed a short time ago at Sheffield. For instance, the cup winners dropped on the ground without first taking to the houses, which is a new idea, having never been accomplished elsewhere. Certainly the owner gains a point when competing in flying competitions, for it is very diffucult for them to drop so low. When training for some of these events the birds undergo a severe course of training, in fact, they are almost harassed to death, as the saying is, for they have to fly until it is quite dark, no matter what time they are put out, and this they often have to do against their will. This is done to such a pitch that the very sight of the trainer is sufficient; moreover, they dare not drop at home until the droppers are put out. It is surprising, but they know as well as Christians that, until the signal is given them, they have not completed their day's work. They are brought up to the system I advocate in another page, and fed much the same as I describe in page 32. When they are put out for a long fly they go off with great dash, flying with rapidity for several hours, after which

they slacken their pace considerably, wandering about all over the neighbourhood. By the Homer-like style of their flying I should imagine they are fed with canary, rape and paradise seed, which are calculated to put extra life in them. A Sheffield champion informed me not long ago that he used to give his birds a lot of paradise seed, but never wouldd again, as he found it ruined their constitution. There is a lot of difference in cross-bred birds; some take after the Tippler in their style of flying, others follow the Tumbler. This sometimes depends how they are paired, for, as a rule, the youngsters take after the mother. There are some very good birds flown at Heeley which do their flying well up in Tippler fashion.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
December 16, 1996 to December 1, 1997

INCOME

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1/1 | Balance brought forward from 1996 | $ 69.22 |
| | Renewal of Membership | 970.00 |
| | Band Sales for 1997 | 706.75 |
| | Donations to FTA by various members | 331.75 |
| | Timer's Fly Sheets Sold | 278.00 |
| | Miscellaneous (Patches, etc.) | 12.00 |
| | | $2367.72 |

OTHER INCOME

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| Bank Interest (December, 1996 to November, 1997 | 12.78 |

TOTAL INCOME- $2380.50

EXPENSES

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| Bank Service Charge for December to October,1996 | 2.50 |
| Petty Cash for Mailing Bands/Dues, etc. | 145.00 |
| Printing new Membership Season Pass Cards | 77.50 |
| Gey Band Co for 1-3000 Bands for 1998 | 531.00 |
| Phone Calls for CT/Treasurer for all of 1996 | 128.36 |
| Printing and mailing of 4 Bulletins in 1996 | 453.88 |
| Full year AD in Pigeon Debut | 71.05 |
| Office Supplies, Ribbons for Word Processor | 63.59 |
| New Award Ribbons for FTA Flys | 340.20 |
| Secretarial charge for typing new FTA Rules | 30.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSE - $1843.08

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| TOTAL INCOME | $2380.50 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE - | 1843.08 |
| BALANCE - | $ 537.42 |

NOTE: Ck no. 146 for $30.00 not cleared as yet.

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| Balance - | $537.42 |
| Ck 146 - | 30.00 |
| | $567.42 |

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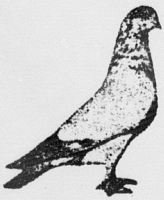
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# *Flying Tippler Association Of America*



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ORGANIZED FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE FLYING TIPPLER IN AMERICA

May 15, 1998

S. Robert Powell,

The Flying Tippler Association of America is in the process of auditing and updating our Honor Rolls, the listings of the top competition flying times. These Honor Rolls include the top 20 flys in each of our club sponsored contests since the late 1960's. It is my desire to make these Honor Rolls as complete as possible prior to publication. Besides the flyer's name, kit time and date we also want to include the band numbers and sex, if known, of the kit. A search through our club files has not been able to identify some of this information concerning one, or more, of your flys.

Below is a list of the information I would like you to provide to help complete our records. Please respond soon, whether you have the information or not. If you do, fill in the blanks. If you do not know the answer, mark it as unknown. Of the over 400 flys documented in our FTA Honor Rolls there are about 30 areas that have omissions which potentially could be filled. You may be able to help make the next publication of the FTA Honor Rolls a historic document complete with much detail.

Please take the time to reflect on the question/s below, dig through your records, or what have you, and respond.

Thanks,
Tim Kvidera
Tim Kvidera, FTA President

4 cocks

| Flyer Name | Kit Time | Fly Date | Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S. R. Powell | 14:14 | Spr III 1987 | ??? | '86-1207,1213,1214,4213 |

Birds flown on 5/24/87

5:34 AM — 7:48 PM

May 23/24, 1987

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6/1998

Dear Robert:

In reviewing our FTA files, I noticed that your dues expired on Jan. 13, 1998 and you have not renewed them since. We have continued to send you Bulletins right up to date.

Please advise if you wish to continue being a member of the FTA and, if so, send in dues of $15.00 for 1998.

If you find this is incorrect, please let me know your wishes.

Sincerely,

Jerry O'Rourke

Jerry O'Rourke
201 Codman Rd.
Norwood, MA./ 02062

Dear Robert,
You have been a member too long to desert us now. Miss hearing from you. Hope all is well.

Jerry

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June 9, 1998

Dear Jerry:

I'm very glad you wrote. I had no idea that my dues for 1998 were not paid.

All is well here. Had a very enjoyable phone visit with Stanley Ogozalek on 4/28/98 at 7 P.M. a few weeks ago when his birds were flying in competition and doing well. I'll be anxious to read the fly results. [they had been flying for 13 hours when he called]

My life is too complicated at present to fly my birds in FTA flys—even under the honor system. But I do fly them regularly and enjoy having them as much as I ever did.

My two best birds are two males hatched in 1985 (now thirteen years old) that I got from Stanley Ogozalek. All of my birds are related to those two males, both of which are still fertile and have fathered some very nice young birds this season. One especially attractive young bird is pure white with a black tail. In all my years of raising Tipplers, I have never hatched a bird of that color. Very attractive. It's father is one of those 1985 males (a blue bar), mated to one of his great great granddaughters (a dark grizzle). I'm hoping that more of that color will emerge.

The Racing Homers that I now raise are also the source of a lot of pleasure to me. I take some Homers with me when I travel to poultry shows and they have come home well from as far as 300 miles.

I continue to raise and show poultry and was recently named a Master Breeder and Grand Master Exhibitor of Standard Partridge Plymouth Rocks by the American Poultry Association. Ralph Britt and I share this double interest in Tipplers and exhibition poultry and I regularly run into Ralph at poultry shows.

Hope all is well with you. Thank you for all that you do for the flying tippler hobby.

Best regards,

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6/11/98

Dear Robert,

Thank you for the dues. I thought you might be deserting the FTA after all these years.

Glad things are going well with you. Congratulations on being named MASTER-BREEDER of Plymouth Rocks.

I am going to put your letter in our SEPT. BULLETIN. I'm sure our members will be glad to hear from you.

I do miss not working with you. It was fun.

Best wishes,

Jerry

PS- Would you like to run for office again? Elections coming up.

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S. ROBERT POWELL

IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

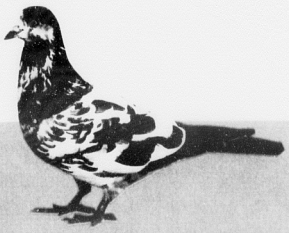
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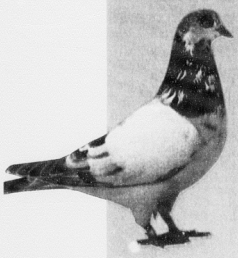
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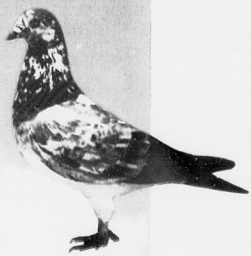
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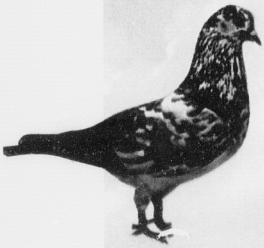


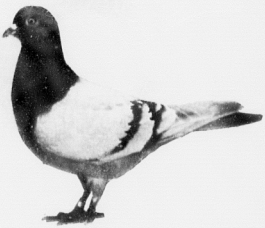


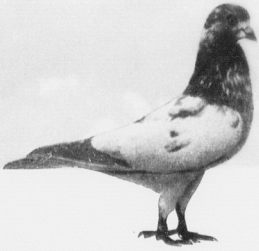
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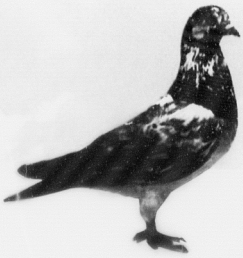
## FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that summer is already upon us. Hope that you are all off to a good season both in the loft as well as in the air. It was nice to see some increase in participation in the Winter Series flys. With our el Niño lack of winter a few of the "northern" members were participating and turning in some very good times. Great to have you flying. Congratulations on some very good performances.

I had the hopes of getting a kit going for the Spring Series. Kept over six Hughes yearlings only to loose three of them in settling and be left with two that were willing to fly decently and the third totally incompatible with the other two. First round of young birds are dropping their second and third flights and I have not made the time to let them out yet, let alone start flying them as a competition kit. Other things keep getting higher priorities. But I do plan to get something together to compete in some of the FTA competitions. Hopefully the rest of you can do so too. The more the merrier. Fly results of the contests to date will be elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Jerry and I have gone through some extensive work in auditing, verifying and updating our FTA top twenty flying times. After all the effort I have decided that it would make a great basis for a "yearbook" type of special booklet that we could issue to the membership. Our target is to get it completed by the end of the current fly season. There are a few flys that we need to get some further input to clarify and letters will be sent requesting information from those who may have it. I want to make it as complete as possible, so it can serve as a historic document. Included also will be the history of the FTA, various records, current membership list and anything else that we (you) think ought to be there. I have received a listing of the current records for many of the countries of the world that Heinz Kaupschaefer periodically updates. It will also be included. If you get a request for info please follow up with a reply. We want this to be a complete as possible.

This is an election year for the FTA. If you have any individuals that you would like to have represent you in the guidance of the club contact them and ask if they are willing to run for office. If you are interested in serving in some capacity, let it be known. Nominate yourself if necessary. We need to develop a slate of candidates this fall for there to be an election in December, or there abouts. Our club is blessed with many individuals that are willing and capable workers. But they can always use help. Send your nominations to Joe Russo, 640 - 6th St., West Babylon, NY 11704

There is talk of trying to put together a Tippler Special issue of the Pigeon Debut magazine. David Fuller has been drafted by the FTS to work on it. Jerry O'Rourke has volunteered to help from the FTA. I do not know much of the particulars. But think about what sort of advertising support you are willing to give the effort. There is a minimum requirement of ad commitment that must be achieved before the Pigeon Debut will do a breed special. Also collect your thoughts and pen an article or more. Dig through your photos and come up with one of your loft, kits, etc. Or pull out the camera and shoot some of the same. If you have some historic articles that have not been available to the general fancy for many years, keep them handy. They might be appropriate for the Special. Or at least for a future FTA Bulletin. I am sure that there will be more on this in the future.

Best wishes, Jim

From Our English Correspondent And Good Friend Jack Prescott

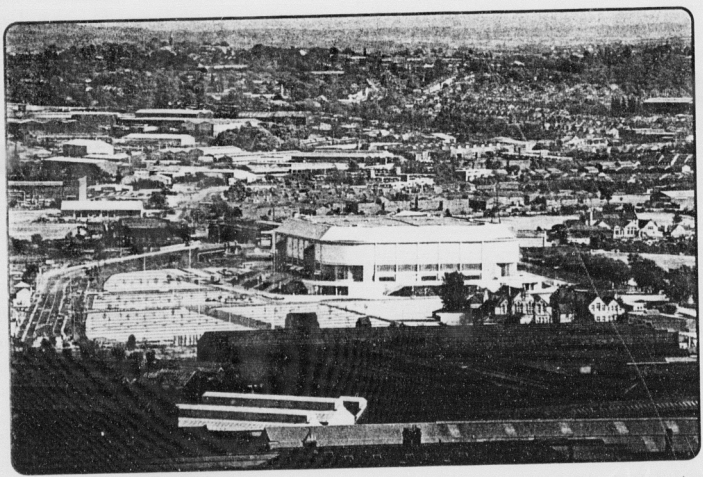
## The Blow Torch.

After a great deal of consideration, I have concluded that an ordinary painters blow torch may be the answer to many problems regarding health with pigeons. I used such a torch for many years - one of the old fashioned brass torches, fired by paraffin or what our American friends call Kerosene.

These days one cannot buy the old fashioned torch, but one can find the cartridge version easily. Choose how - this blow torch is the tool of a lazy man - or I should say - the tool of a man who hasn't the time for meticulous loft cleaning. My old grandfather, who was in fact a better pigeon man than I will ever be said "If you want to know the best way to do a job - ask a lazy man!"

So if you take up your blow torch and you blast the floors, the corners and the perches regularly, you kill thousands of worm eggs. You kill redmite and you kill the spores of many ailments. This little flame thrower is a winner. The tool of a lazy man, but don't burn the loft down!! Otherwise, it's chemicals, injections, etc.

*Jack Prescott.*



SHEFFIELD Arena, Carbrook

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FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAG

Gary Hulst, 3706 147th Ave., Zeeland, MI. 49464

I am still alive. The pigeons have been on the back burner for the last year as we built a new home and loft. We moved in the middle of December. I will never move again. It sure is a lot of work. The best thing about this place is NO HAWKS. I saw a couple this Fall, but none this Winter. I have three Pouters that have free flight all day and they sure are having fun.

I have 8 Tipplers to fly this Spring. I also hope to breed from 6 pair. I did fly these YBs this Summer, but I didn't put my heart quite into it and the results showed.

I went to the Lousiville YB Show and Fremont, Ohio Pigeon Show this Fall. There was a lot of interest in Tipplers at both shows. Hope we get some more flyers. Pleas send me 50 bands amd a Season Pass for flying. Jerry, please note my new address. I have enclosed $ for bands and Pass.

s/ Gary Hulst

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Steve Silk, 1334 Winchester Rd. North, St. Petersburgh,Fl. 53710

Enclosed please find check for 1998 Dues and Bands. Birds are doing great here in sunny Florida. Had a few ups and downs, but everything is coming together. The birds I bought from Joe Russo last year produced some Reds & Splashes. Real nice looking Birds. Thanks. s/Steve Silk

**Steve, we wish we could be with you there in Sunny Florida. How about flying some of those good looking birds in our competitions this year?**

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**Anton Van Dalen, 166 Avenue A, New York NY 10009**

The Tippler publication continues to be interesting. Better with each issue, with more and more contributions. It is always inspiring to read of other flyers' enthusiasm and knowledge. I greatly appreciate your own involvement. Enclosed check for Dues and Bands. I very much hope you can send me bands 1-75. s/Anton

**Thanks Anton for the kind words. It is nice to know we are moving in the right direction. Bands 1-75 were long gone so I sent Anton 2001 -2075.**

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Harry J. Smith, 3105 Queen Frederica Dr., Apt. 301, Mississauga, Ont. 4¶-36

In my last letter I forgot (Old Age) to enclose my $20 to take care of the 1998 Fly Schedule, so here it is. I suppose by now you are aware of the name change for our club. We have members across Canada so we had our Club registered as the CANADIAN NATIONAL TIPPLER UNION. (CNTU).

At our annual meeting, no one would stand for the election of President or Secretary. To keep the Club in some kind of order I took over the job of Secretary. Beleive me, I did not want that position, however, if any club is to function, someone has to take over.

We have adopted the FTA fly schedule as it is more convenient for our members who fly in both clubs. Ross Morden is our new President and I know if we work together our club should have a good year.

Here is another Grandfather and grandson tale:

He and myself were sitting in the garden watching our pigeons.

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He went behind the loft and at the same time his grandmother came out of the house. She asked "Where is Russell?" I said, "He went behind the loft. She looked behind the loft and I heard her say "Russell, what are you doing?" He answered, "I am having a pee." She said, "You know you are supposed to go in the house for that."
He answered, "Well, Grandad pees behind the coop." You guessed it, I was in the dog house for a long time. That's all for now. s/Harry J. smith

**Harry, as explained to you on the phone, we will make a revision in Rule 5 of the FTA Flying Rules to change OTU to read CNTU. Of course your FTA members in the CNTU may fly YBs in the FTA Young Bird Series with CNTU bands. Harry, you keep outdoing yourself with those funny Grandfather/grandson tales.**

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Chet Kapa, 3805 Hunt Rd., Mayville, MI. 48744

I am sending in my dues and for 50 bands. Last Fall was lousy, the weather was awful. The birds just did not do the job. Oh well, I'll try again this Spring with also a fresh kit of youngsters. Best flying time I got was 4 hours, but in the Spring of 1997 I got 8 to 9 hours from the youngsters. Enclosed is check for $. s/C. Kapa

**I hope you will have a better flying year in 1998, Chet.**

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Frank Munzer, RR2 Box 143A, Clinton Corners, NY 12514-9802

Enclosed is my check for a lot of 25 bands. I believe my dues are paid. If not, plesse send me a note with the bands.
Fall was hard on my flock as small as it was. I lost my young from 1997 from the hawks and by flying the birds too late in the day as the days got shorter. I have two pair of nice white with grizzle Macclesfields from John Kleis, Sr., that are just about ready to lay eggs.
I have a male Tippler that is dark brown/maroon . It took some working with, but before the hawks came, I got him to fly tight with my young Macclesfields. Do you know what strain he is and where I can get a female? He looks like the bird on Page 32 of Jack Prescott's book "My Way with Pigeons" but is not black but dark brown with some shining maroon. He is somewhat smaller that the white/grizzled Macclesfields. Please also send me 4 Patches. Thank you. s/Frank

**I sent Frank the Bands and 4 Patches. I do not have Jack Prescott's book so I have no idea what this bird may be. Some of my Lovatts are dark brown and have some maroon coloring shining in their necks. Do any of our members have a idea what strain this Tippler may be, and does anyone have an extra hen that Frank can have? Please contact him at the above address.**

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Richard Kehrer, 7810 Mallard Way., Anderson, CA. 96007

Got your note today. NO I am not through with Tipplers. I am still going to fly in competition, not as much and not going to do the feed-up. I am just slowing down for a few years till I get my Fishing Guiding business going strong. Then I will be flying as strong as ever. At this time I will not be trying to fly 12+ hours. If i get 10 that is okay, but if I don't fly that is okay too. I plan on staying active in the club. Still would like to be on the Board but for the next few years I will be putting Guiding #1.
I don't ever want to be through with Tipplers. I enjoy them too much. I didn't think if I was putting my time in to guiding that I would have the

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time to do the job as FTS CT as well as I should. The Club members should have the very best, and at this time I didn't think that was me.
If things go well for me, I will be fishing about four days a week, and as I have the job at the PO I would be very busy 3 days a week. It has been raining a lot here, Jan. we got 14" and no end in sight.

Rich, we wish you well in your Guiding endeavors. From the looks of the pictures below, you should do very well for yourself. I wrote Rich back inquiring about the caliber of the Rifle he used to knock down those wild pigs. I thought it was rather light to do the job. Rich stated that the rifle was a 270 Remington 130 & 150 but that he would have liked a lighter bolted 100-110. He shot the pigs at 60-75 yards which is his longest shot on pigs, but he has made a 400 plus yard shot on deer. Rich states that the pigs are in the freezer and they do make good eating, but the sows are better eating than the bores. (See pictures below





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Ron & Susan Sloan, P. O. Box 361, Norfolk, CT. 06058

Ron sent in his Winter II Series Report and stated that he was unable to fly his birds due to the bad Winter they were experiencing in Norfolk, CT. Ron states: "Winter bad for flying here. 8 pairs mated - 15 eggs hatched and 1 non-fertile. That was good. Have some nice Reds paired together."

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Harry J. Smith, 3105 Queen Frederica Dr., Apt 301, Mississauga, Ont. L4Y-3A5

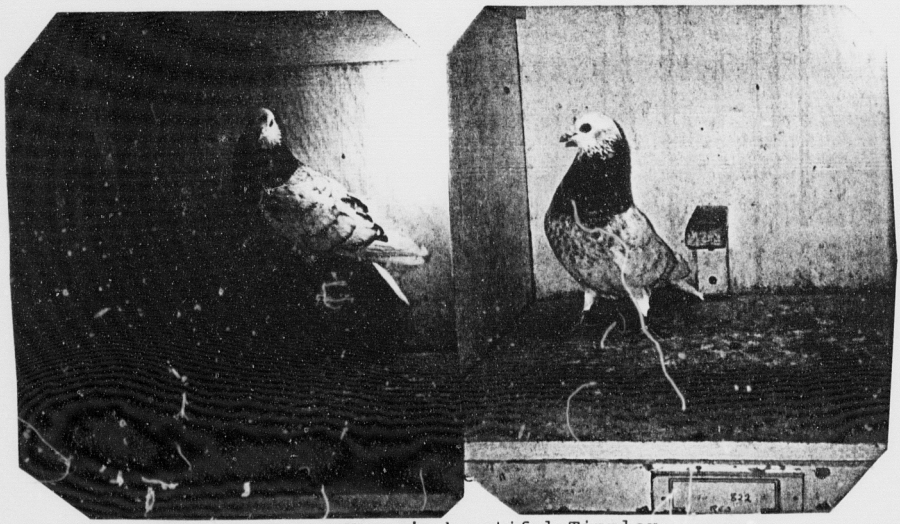
I received your Bulletin for March. As usual, it was super. I have just banded a mob of youngsters so I should be in good shape for 1998. I hope that the Falcons will hunt some other place.

That article about straddle legs, I have the perfect answer. It is not inherited or an improper diet. The fault is the clay pot nest bowls. If the nesting material parts then the youngsters are left on the bare slippery bottom. They are uanble to stand as they are too young. Then there is a good chance that at least one leg gradually slides out and your have a straddle leg.

No. 1, you can use the pulp disposable nest bowls. No. 2, cut circular pieces of a carpet a little smaller than the nest bowl. Their little legs cannot slide out as the carpet is not smooth. No. 3, In Canada, I purchase felt pads to line the nest bowls. This also works just fine. I am sure that in the USA that pigeon supply people carry those pads. s/ H.J. Smith

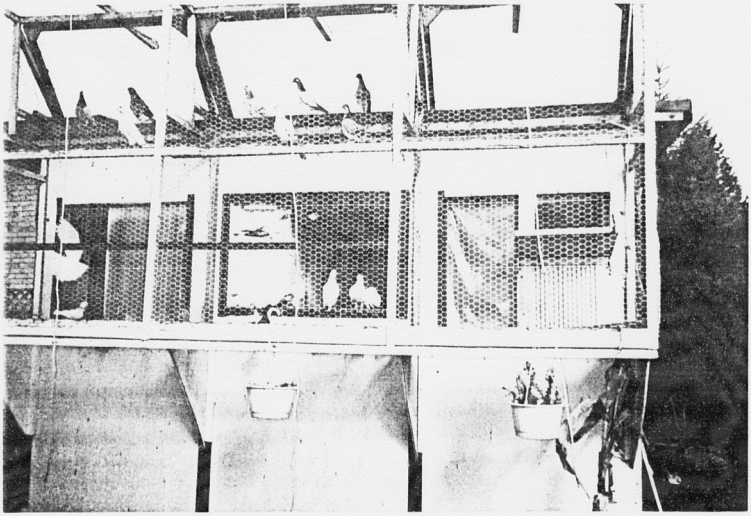
**Harry, thanks for the swell tip. I am sure some of our members will be happy to know the solution to this problem. The disposable nest bowls work fine, and I do use the felt pads as liners for the next bowls, and I also line them with pine needles. The pine needles are soft and conforming and the tiny babies do not get lost in the material such as they might if hay or straw is used. Most pigeon supply houses in the USA do carry the felt pads you mentioned in your letter.**

**Also, Harry sent in the following pictures as a challenge for the most beautiful pigeon. He states that he can't even get an expert to say just what color this bird is. The photos do not really do the pigeon justice.**

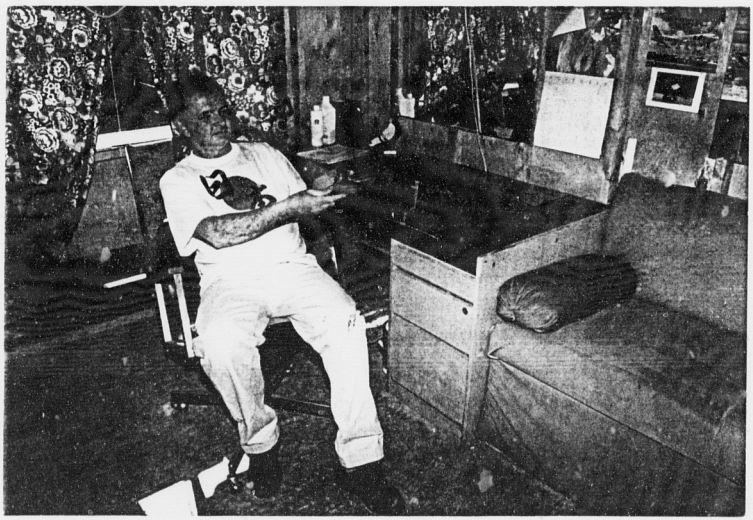


Harry's beautiful Tippler.

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A Nice View of Ross Morden's Loft



That's Kemo Basic in his office which is attached to his Loft. He is looking at one of his Irish birds.

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# The Most Practical Perch

*By: Harvey R. Colston — Independence, MO*

This is the best inexpensive perch I have ever used. Anyone can make this perch out of old packing crates or used 1 x 4's.

The top bird will not soil the bird below with droppings if the birds are in good condition. Birds that are in good health have a good bloom. (White dust on the feathers.)

If the droppings fall on the bird below it will roll off. If the birds have loose droppings this should be corrected.

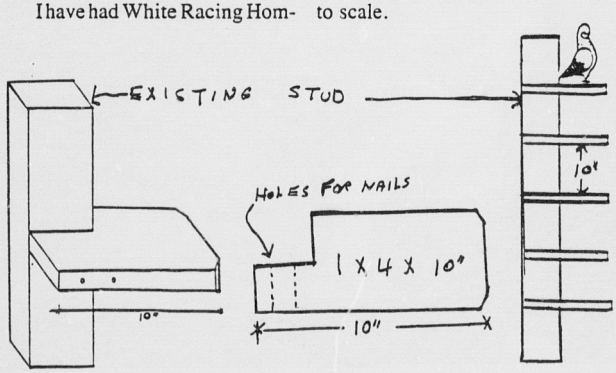
I have had White Racing Homers for many years and rarely have the birds been soiled by the top birds.

All the droppings fall on the floor. With the V perches and box perches they have to be scrapped.

Directions:

Cut the corner out of a 1 x 4 10" long the size of the existing studs. Drill holes for two nails through the 1 x 4 shown in the illustration, to nail the perches to the studs.

These drawings are not drawn to scale.



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R.R. # 2
Cambridge, Ontario
N1R 5S3
February 9, 1998

Mr. Jerry O'Rourke
201 Codman Rd.
Norwood, MA 02062

Fellow Fancier:

Thank you for your prompt reply in sending out the bands. Believe me I sympathize with you about the hawk problem. Since I last wrote about my hawk situation I have been fortunate to have had peace with the hawks the last 2-3 years. However this last fall and winter have been something else.

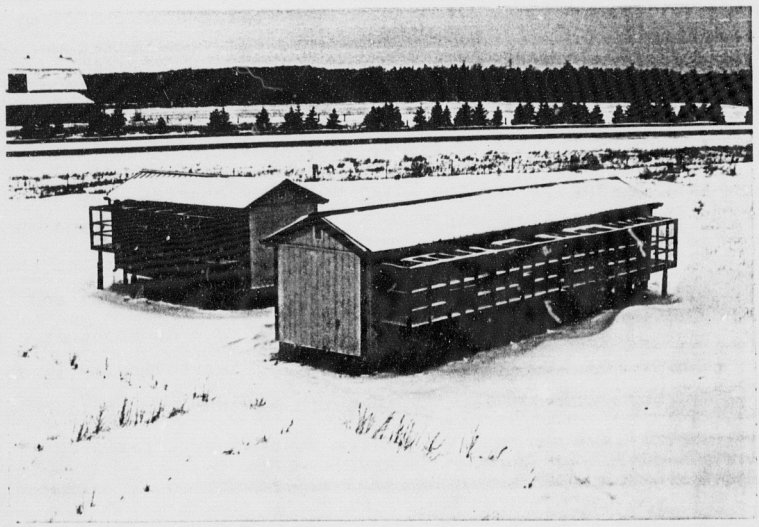
On one occasion I have seen the same Cooper's hawk kill 2 of my Polish Highflyers in about a 10 minute time span. I also seen and suspect it to be the same hawk bring down one of my 1997 bred print Tippler as it was about to land. The hawk had the Tippler on the ground and was about to tear it apart and would of succeeded if I hadn't scared it away. The Tippler did recover and was able to fly again only to disappear on another flight. I've lost 6 birds that I know of and who knows how many others. The hawks are so bold that I have seen them on several occasions land on the fly pen and terrorize the birds. After observing several of these tactics I finally called the Ministry of Natural Resources and talked to an officer about my situation and what I can do about it. He calmly stated for the fact that the hawk is destroying my livestock I am allowed to shoot it. My question to that was would he sign a permit that allows me to get the hawk stuffed by a taxidermist. To which he replyed he would.

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About ½ hour later I had the hawk on the officer's desk with a signed permit to get it stuffed. Another 3 months later that particular Cooper's hawk is hanging on my living room wall until I complete my recreation room. I must add the officer did state that normally they do not sign permits for a hawk to be stuffed that was shot. Believe me this was an exception. I told him I do not make it a habit of shooting hawks and I do respect wildlife. I suspect if you place this letter in the bulletin I will get a number of letters from fanciers who are for and against hawks. Enclosed is a picture of my coops.

Yours in the hobby,

Ulo Baggert



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# TIPPLER TAILS

## FTA FLYING RECORDS

As mentioned in the March Bulletin, due to the changes in the Flying Rules regarding the flying of OBs, YBs in the various competitions, it was necessary to audit and update our current Series and Overall records in Official and Honor Systems. Of particular concern was the Any Age bracket. Our FTA President, Tim Kvidera, and I have been working on this for some time now. I have gone back to the records since 1991 when I became Central Timer and Tim has furnished all the records from the 1980s and 1970s where needed. Tim has even taken it a step further and has furnished all the band numbers of the birds in all the flys throughout the years. (Now that was an undertaking.) However, my Word Processor is not as sophisticated as Tim's Computer and I cannot condense the Band Numbers on one line as he did. Therefore, we will have the same records except Tim's will show the band numbers. I will update Tim on each new record as it occurs in each fly during the year. At the end of this Fly Season, we will furnish all our members with these new Records which I think our members will really appreciate. (Thanks Tim, you did an outstanding job.) Jerry O'Rourke, Central Timer.

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## WELCOME BACK

I am pleased to report that Adrian Jessop of Amesterdam, NY, has rejoined the FTA after an absence of many years. Adrian was a former Secretary of the FTA back in the 1960's. He is a very good friend of John Kleis'. Adrian sent me a wealth of material pertaining to the early days of the FTA which is very interesting. There is too much material to incorporate into this Bulletin, but I will try to add some of Adrian's material as we go along.

And speaking of Adrian, he, John Kleis and three other local Tippler flyers in his area, got together at Adrian's house and they all agreed to revive and reorganize the United High Flyers Association. This Club was formed with a common bond to fly their birds in the company of others and make the hobby more enjoyable. On a local basis, and keeping matters simple, Adrian feels that all should have a good time and light rewards and recognition with Diplomas and Flying Certificates will be given to the winners of each competition.

If anyone is interested, they can contact Adrian Jessop, 234 Sanders Rd., Box 5281, Amsterdam, NY, 12010. Tel: 1-(518)-843-3319.

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## CANADIAN NATIONAL TIPPLER UNION

Harry J. Smith, Secretary of the CNTU, sent me a copy of the CNTU News. It is their first Newsletter under the CNTU heading, and it is very impressive. Elsewhere in this Bulletin is a copy of the CNTU lead sheet. The CNTU Bulletin contains a list of the members, the 1998 Fly Schedule which is the same as the FTA schedule, and some information on the upcoming competitions. Harry states and I quote: "As our Club rules needed overhauling, and we we fly under the FTA rules, we in the CNTU have adopted the FTA rules to abide by. Also, some members think that the FTA should mention that the CNTU banded birds are eligible to compete in the FTA YB races. Just a technicality!"

**Okay Harry, considered it mentioned. We are flattered that you have adopted the FTA rules, and we are pleased to have you join us in the competitions.**

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# CNTU News

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF HIGH FLYING TIPPLERS OF CANADA


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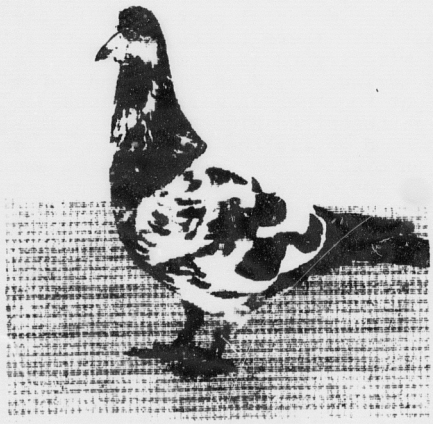
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Second Sunday of each Month
at
Pleasant View Farms
1409 Tonnolli Rd., Mississauga, Ont.
(Dixie & the Queensway)

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Submitted for the Bulletin by John Kleis, Sr.

**By JACK PRESCOTT**

I have received a very impressive report, written by a gentleman of Middle Eastern origin, but now living in England. He claims a specialised dedication on the subject of precise and correct rolling action that is found in certain specimens of Roller pigeon issue. Such specimens that are capable of prolonged and perfectly executed bouts of uninterrupted roll series, at inconceivable rate, are extremely rare. It is also on recent record that such specimens, usually end up killing themselves.

However, this report states that a Roller pigeon that is performing well, but inclined to one side, can be corrected by clipping the wing feathers on the high side to restore the aerodynamical balance. There is mention of certain drugs that can be used to intensify the roll or to prevent any kind of performing.

I have written in answer and expressed my doubts. It is obvious that the initial burst of energy that propels the pigeon into a somersault, or series of somersaults, must be correctly and equally balanced and applied. If there is a lack of boost, on one wing or in the peripheral neuromuscular spasms on one side, the result will be a tilted spin. These two aspects have to be perfectly balanced in order to produce a perfect spin.

If we were simply dealing with some device that rotates due to its free fall, as many objects do, such as wing nuts, leaves and scraps of paper, then there would be ways to alter the spin. Let us suppose that a Roller pigeon just gets one initial boost and then depends on its momentum and air flow during the fall, to maintain the spin. I suggest that unless the initial boost is evenly applied, then the spin will not be corrected during the few seconds of free fall. Certain winds will cause a correct roll to become lopsided.

What a clipped wing will do is to cause an imbalanced flight and the pigeon will alter the beat and presentation of the wing, in order to correct its 'flight' not its 'roll'. Therefore I have rejected this report and I have objected to the use of drugs. My answer has met with complete silence, as expected.

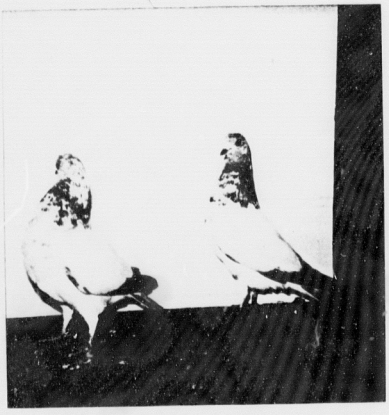
## The Mac Tippler in the USA

Macclesfield, being only twenty-five miles from Sheffield, made it easy for Tippler fanciers who lived in these areas of dedicated Flying Tippler interest, to visit each other. Even in the last century there was a regular and very efficient rail service that prevailed until the motor car made the local railways redundant.

Joe Hall, of Macclesfield, and later of nearby Congleton, and several other dedicated men, developed a very fine, high-flying form of Tippler. I have absolutely no doubt that the mountainous terrain was conducive to high flying.

The ancestors of Tipplers came from India or the northern areas, which are mountainous. Ornithological records do indicate that several species of birds tend to fly higher than their conspecifics that exist on the plains.

By chance it came to pass that certain men, around Macclesfield, decided to cultivate what had already been established in northern India – and what is now Pakistan, or Bangladesh, or even Afghanistan – for centuries. The Sheffielders introduced certain crosses to produce a longer flying type that was more inclined to fly into the darkness. The contests were essentially about time flown and no extra points were awarded for high-flying style.



eral missiles, including a rolling-pin, a pair of brass fire tongs, an iron poker and a cast-iron frying pan.

Maurice was lucky to escape, down the passage way, whereby he took refuge at the back of the house of his old aunty, until things had calmed down, several days later.

Do you want me to tell you what this was all about. . . ?

Well, this is the way it was – Maurice had lifted his elder brother's best jacket and waistcoat and had pawned them at the establishment of Mr Henry Fieldsend, pawnbroker, jeweller and clock dealer, of Stanniforth Road, Sheffield, for the princely sum of half-a-crown – a half-crown being one eighth of a pound, or in present-day coinage, 12½ pence. The money was required urgently for the purchase of one pair of grey Mac Tipplers, from the Sheaf market, also in Sheffield.

All would have been well, but Maurice had lost the pawn ticket and the clerk would not let Maurice redeem the jacket and waistcoat without the ticket. So, of course, the brother had to be told. Said the clerk: 'The items have to be kept under bond for a year and a day, that is the law, and then you may buy such items, at whatever price Mr Fieldsend decides to charge.'

To add to the delight of all the neighbours, both of the Tipplers escaped. A frantic effort was made to get the two Tipplers to return and several droppers were launched. At one stage the two Macs came down, almost to the loft top, but became nervous and soared away, one of them towards Wincobank and the other towards Brightside.

The brother was heard to say, 'There goes my best jacket' and 'There goes my waistcoat!'

The tale went round the district, of course. Another Maurice Burke episode. Those were the days. . . .

However, it didn't turn out so bad. I forget whether the ticket was found or whether Mr Fieldsend decided to be lenient, but the jacket and waistcoat were redeemed very soon. That was 1935.

The pawnbroker's shop sustained a direct hit from a bomb in the 1940 blitz – but Maurice Burke was not to blame for that.

It is a matter for serious conjecture whether or not high flying is conducive to long times being flown. Another aspect is that if the contesting kit of Tipplers are flying excessively high they may very well get themselves disqualified. For example, a kit of three belonging to the well-known Jack Heaton of Sheffield, was flying extremely high and ranging away for long periods. During the day the referee failed to see them for more than one hour, therefore he disqualified the kit.

However, three minutes' later the kit was seen at great height; they could not possibly have been down, but the referee's decision and the rule had to remain in force. A lower flying kit, lacking the high flying actually beat the high-flying conspecifics.

Yet the gentry around Sheffield kept the true Macs, just for pleasure. Two Sheffield doctors and a dentist were involved. I also knew of a wealthy undertaker who was a respected Mac-man. Being an undertaker earned him the distinguished status – as *the last man who would 'let you down'*.

Right up until the mid-1960s there were men in Sheffield, and elsewhere, who preferred to fly the true Macs. One very famous man was Mr Guise of London, who created a strain of these Macs. Two Sheffield men kept them – Percy Fox and Percy Lee, who lived in the Graves Park district.

Percy Fox developed a strain of self whites that were, at best, an absolute dream for style. Percy Lee had the Guise strain said by Ken Brown, of Tippler fame, to be the very best of the Mac type. The late Percy Lee, sort of went to seed after his wife died in 1960.

At that time I bought several specimens from Percy Lee and sent, later, quite a few to the late Tom Lewis of Dinas Powis, South Wales. He in turn passed some to Tom Beechinor, also of South Wales. Some were exported to the USA many years ago.

Who was it that said 'It's a small world'?

Due to my writing, and my latest book, I contacted Mr John Kleis of Richfield Springs, New York, USA. John is devoted to the Macs. The photo indicates specimens that are identical to what I had and that I sent to South Wales.

John Kleis is even older than I am. After the loss of his wife, his Macs have had to become his main brace. I have never known a man who keeps pigeons more respectably. If I have given John support, encouragement and understanding, then my time has not be wasted. John flys on the 'honor system' and referees his own birds. He also shows selected specimens and is doing extremely well; his photos indicate a really nice issue of Mac Tipplers.

There is a chain between Macclesfield and New York and, perhaps, I have been just one of the links.

Macclesfield, in the heart of the Pennine Peak District, famous not only for Mac Tipplers but for silk, in years gone by. The infamous Al Capone and many of his notorious adversaries and supporters used to wear their traditional silk scarves – imported specially from Macclesfield. Now the silk industry has gone from Macclesfield, and so have the Tipplers.

John Kleis has a reminder, and I used to have a long white Mac scarf. It has vanished, no one knows where to, along with a million dreams.

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**John R. Pezzulli**
**711 Amsterdam Ave. - 9I**
**New York, NY 10025**

April 27, 1998

Flying Tippler Association of America
c/o Mr. Jerry O'Rourke
201 Codman Road
Norwood, MA 02062

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $15.00 for membership in the Flying Tippler Association of America. Please send the appropriate information to the above address.

I am also interested in purchasing some quality Macclesfield Tipplers; any assistance you can provide will be appreciated. Thanks!

Yours truly,

John R. Pezzulli

NOTE TO ALL FTA MEMBERS:

Mr. Pezzulli has just joined the FTA and he his looking for some Macs. If any of our members can help him out, please get in touch with Mr. Pezzulli at the above address.

Jerry O'Rourke

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# Flying Tippler Association Of America



ORGANIZED FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT
OF THE FLYING
TIPPLER IN AMERICA

January 19, 1964.

Mr. Adrian Jessup:

Dear Adrian,

I never did really know if you spelled your name JESSUP or JESSOP - however; better late than never, you will find attached your diploma from the Deutsche FlugTippler Union (DFU) showing that on July 6, 1963 you flew a kit in International Competition for a total of 9 hours 09minutes.

Yours was the highest score from the F.T.A.

I am also sending you a verafax copy of the letter of transmittal to us from thd DFU. Congratulations.



Very truly yours,

Robert B. Funk

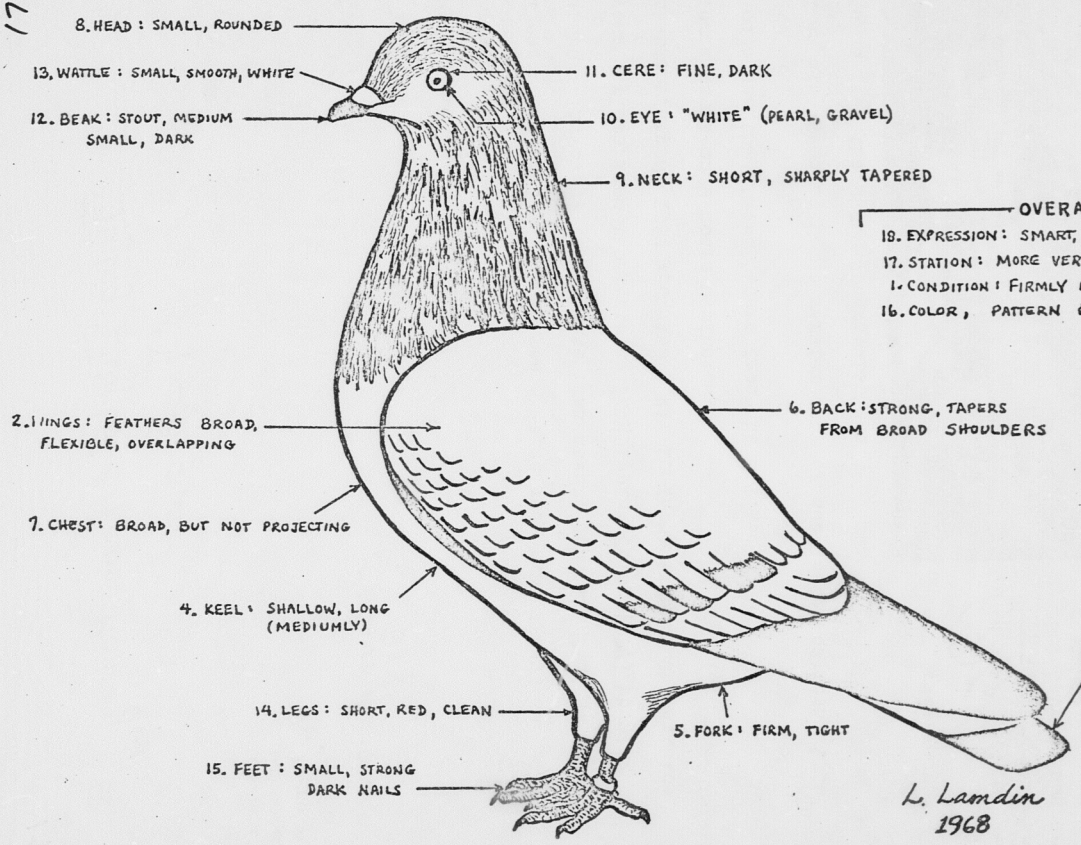
Robert B. Funk
Secretary-Treasurer,
resigned.

I thought this might be of interest to our members.

Material furnished by Adrian Jessop. Submitted by JOR

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# THE FLYING TIPPLER




**OVERALL**

18. EXPRESSION : SMART, EAGER, ALERT
17. STATION : MORE VERTICAL THAN HORIZONTAL
1. CONDITION : FIRMLY MUSCLED, LIGHT FOR SIZE
16. COLOR, PATTERN & DESIGN

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|---|---|
| #1 : | 24 POINTS |
| #2 : | 12 POINTS |
| #3-7 : | 6 POINTS |
| #8-18 : | 3 POINTS |

CURLEY
BALTIMORE

LIGHTER CERE, BEAK AND NAILS ACCEPTABLE IN DILUTES (SILVER, DUN, YELLOW, ETC.)

(This material furnished by Adrian Jessop and it is dated 1968.)

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Tom Rankin furnished a copy of this INterview to Kemo Basic to be sent in to the Bulletin.

**Translated from D.F.U. Newsletter.** Our thanks to Heinz Kaupschafer, for all his efforts to promote our sport:-

19hrs 23mins, the new Continental European young tippler record 1997. On this long day competition, a three pigeon young tippler team from the loft of S.A.A. Chenarie, Harderwijk, Holland, a member of the Dutch tippler club, achieved a new record for young tippler pigeons, which previously the same breeder had held with 18hrs 49mins, in 1993. This same team had already achieved a new world record with 19hrs 01mins at the international young pigeons flight on the 5th July 1997. I have managed to organise an informal interview for our programme and we have also managed to get hold of film material that we could show at our next AGM on the first October weekend in Dorsten, Westphalen.

**Interview with the Breeder**
**S.A.A. Chenarie**

Q. How many pairs are you breeding?

A. This year I have four breeding pairs, from these I have three broods and out of this I have raised 18 young.

Q. How long have you been involved in the tippler sport?

A. I have always been involved with pigeons. However, since I was 13 years I have been flying pigeons.

Q. How do your best times compare between your young and old tipplers?

A. My record time with young tipplers at home is 19hrs 23mins and in competition is also 19hrs 23mins and for my old tipplers at home is 19hrs 56mins and in competition is 19hrs 04mins.

Q. We would like to know something about the position and nature of your loft.

A. At the back of our garden I have a big loft which is divided into three different parts.

Q. How do you train your pigeons?

A. After taking the pigeons away from their parents, first of all I bind their wings for seven days so as they cannot fly, then they don't receive any food for 48 hours and then they are obviously hungry, then I bring in their training.

Q. Do you use droppers and light for training?

A. I own five white doves which do the dropper work. These help me to train the young pigeons and I scatter food over the ground so therefore I need light and have three large lamps in the loft.

Q. Do you keep your flying pigeons separate?

A. No, I don't put my competition pigeons on their own, they get fed and watered with the other pigeons, also before competition.

Q. We are very interested in how you train your young birds e.g. How you have trained a young record breaking pigeon, which has flown over 19 hours.

A. I let them train in a team for 6 - 10 hours of flying time, then I let them have five days to rest before entering the competition. For food, I find the Belgian Mariman, and White Molen 2000 from Holland very good. I always feed competition pigeons at 20.00 hours.

Q. Do you train and feed your young and old birds differently?

A. No, I do everything fairly similarly for old and young. I don't make any difference.

Q. How do you feed the pigeons the week before a competition?

A. Exactly the same. The same food, the same feeding time, at 20.00 hours, there is no difference there either.

Q. Do you think the colour of your tipplers is important, and are you able to give birds which have made mistakes

another chance?

A. The colour does matter, as I have already mentioned, in my breeding of tipplers, they have to have white feet and tails. I also like a bit of grey. If a bird has made a mistake in flying, it gets done away with without delay, no such bird gets a second chance with me.

Q. What about yourself?

A. I was born and raised in the town of Babol in modern day Iran (previously Persia). Our family has been involved in flying tippler pigeons for many generations. In Iran, many people fly tipplers, but there is no organisation which promotes or regulates this hobby. Two of my brothers who still live in Iran, practice tippler flying, apart from that, there are a further four members of my family. One brother who is a year older than me has a loft of 7oo pigeons. Another brother who is a year younger, has about 300 pigeons in his lofts in Iran. The four other members of my family own about 100 pigeons all together, I own all of these birds. When I still lived in Iran and took part in a competition there, I called many people to come to this occasion. Around 200 - 300 people came to experience the whole thing. Of course there were only men, in Iran you don't invite women. The guests who came from far away, came a day earlier to be there in the early morning when the birds were released, then they slept in our house.

Q. Could you please tell us something about the three birds who have just set the new record for Holland, and for the whole European continent?

A. The colour of the three birds is grey, like a tiger, I can't say what sex they are because they are too young. They were born on the 15th March 1997 and these three record breakers are descended from the birds which set a record with 18 hours 49 minutes.

Q. A little more about yourself and your experiences.

A. I am married to Enzy and have 4 children, 3 daughters and a son. My two eldest daughters and my wife look after my pigeons when I'm not at home. I have lived in Holland for 9 years and sell tapes, videos and C.Ds from Iran and all over Europe. This "playing" with pigeons is my greatest joy, and competition isn't just a celebration for me, but also for my whole family. I wish all of you good luck in your flying.

**Summary of Judges Report**

21st June 1997 birds released at 04:15hrs. One bird flew alone for 42 mins., before finding the other two. Flying well and often flew out of sight for 15 mins at a time (20:30 hrs). At 21:30 hrs people were sitting in the garden behind the loft waiting for the dark. At 23:25 hrs Chenarie decided to drop them using light because they were in good position over the loft which would mean the end of the competition. At 23:38 hrs, the lights were switched on. The first pigeon came down at 23:56, the second at 24:07 and the third at 24:08 hrs and then it panicked them because number three decided to fly off, he came back at 24:30hrs and came into the loft. A new record. Contact S.A.A. Chenarie, Pijlkruidmeen 48, 3844 Harderwijk, Holland. Telephone 341427633.

## TIPPLER NEWS FROM THE CONTINENT

After the flying season 1997 it's a pleasure for me to give readers of NTU Newsletter a short information about new flying records in some countries. First of all the new young birds 19:23 hrs, flown by a three bird kit of Mr Chenarie of Harderwijk, Netherlands. This is not only a new Dutch record but also a new record for the European continent. And the other new records:

France: 12.16 hrs (young), 17.25 hrs (old), Mr Vulic, Stains.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Winter Series I - March 7/8

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM
No entrants

HONOR SYSTEM

Jerry O'Rourke - 08:43
1st Place Blue Ribbon and Diploma

FTA97-292 cock Black Velvet, FTA97-291 hen Blue Bar, FTA97-2123 hen Lt Print. Released at 553AM and all down together at 236PM with last bird in trap 242PM.

WEATHER:
Cloudy, intermittent rain. 34-47 Degrees. Barometer 32.5 Winds from South at 15 MPH and Humidity at 73%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
This is a strong flying kit, perhaps the best I have had in some time. They were flying 11-12 hours in practice, but Saturday was heavy clouds and light on and off rain. Birds flew low all day and I did not think they would hang in there so long. They generally fly very high. Birds are Lovatts. 291 & 292 raised by me from Bela Kiss' stock and Bela gave me the 2123 Lt. Print as a youngster.

Ron Sloan - 06:57
2nd Place Red Ribbon

FTS97-95 Cock Blue Bar. FTS97-88 Cock Dark Check. FTS97-92 Cock Dark Print. Released at 735AM and all down together at 232PM with last bird in trap at 238PM. Witnessed by Susan Sloan.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. 33-48 Degrees. Barometer 29.72. Winds south at 5 MPH and Humidity at 92%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Fourth time the birds flew after their Winter months. The snow has finally left the rooftops. Norfolk, CT. is nicknamed the "Ice Box of CT." Still snow on ground.

No other entrants.

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THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Winter Series II- March 21/22

OFFICIAL SYSTEM
No entrants

HONOR SYSTEM

Jerry O'Rourke - 12:05
1st Place Blue Ribbon and Diploma

FTA 97-292 Black Velvet Cock, FTA97-291 Blue Bar Hen and FTA97-2123 Lt Print Hen all released at 540AM. Droppers thrown at 545PM and all three down at 610PM with last bird in trap at 635PM.

WEATHER:
Sunny,clear. 32-45 Degrees. Barometer 29.88F. Winds fronm SW at 16 MPH and Humidity at 50%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Beautiful day for fly. Almost made a big mistake in allowing birds to fly so long. Should have thrown Droppers sooner as daylight is just a little over 12 hours here in New England this time of year. 292 did not trap until time almost up and it was getting dark rapidly. This was somewhat nerve wracking. I will not cut it so close next time.

Ron Sloan - Did not Fly

Ron sent in his Report with this notation thereon:

"Winter Flys are too dificult to plan around. 6-8 Inches of snow on roof tops plus birds have not been flying for the past week and a half. Cold, snowing, etc." s/Ron Sloan

No other entrants.

NOTE FROM THE CENTRAL TIMER

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THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Winter Series III - April 11/12

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM
No entrants

HONOR SYSTEM

Ron Sloan - 12:49
1st Place Ribbon & Diploma

FTS97-95 Blue Bar, FTS97-88 Dark Checker, FTA97-983 Blue Grizzle. Three Cocks released at 622AM and all down together at 711PM with last bird in trap at 712PM.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy, 34-49 Degrees. Barometer 29.71. Winds NNW at 17 MPH and Humidity at 42%. Sunrise at 627AM and Sunset at 723PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Good day to fly. Had to pick a substitute bird as Hawk took one last week in training. Guess we picked a good one to join the team.

Joe Russo - 07:10
2nd Place Ribbon

FTA97-13 Black Hen. FTA97-25 Blue Bar Cock. FTA97-34 Red Mottle Cock and FTA97-36 Print hen. All released at 550AM and all down together at 100PM with last bird in trap at 115PM.

WEATHER:
Clear. 30-57 Degrees. Humidity 35%. Winds SW at 10 MPH and Barometer at 30.25. Sunrise at 619AM and Sunset at 727PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds did not want to fly. Cocks playing with hens. It was the first time the cock saw hens this year. Lost kit cock to Hawk last week.

Jerry O'Rourke - 06:53
3rd Place Ribbon

FTA97-292 Black Cock. FTA97-286 Black Cock and FTA98-503 Lt Print sex undetermined at this time. All three released at 635AM and all down together at 128PM with last bird in trap at 205PM.

WEATHER:
Clear, sunny. 38-54 Degrees. Barometer 30.31R. Winds from East at 7MPHand Barometer at 52%. Sunrise at 608AM and Sunset at 722PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
A real nice surprise! I,too, had to replace two hens because they were dropping out in practice to see the cocks in the Loft. Put up a YB just obtained last month from Bela Kiss which was doing exceptionally well in practice flys. It stayed with the two experienced cocks for quite some time and then they came down together. A bonus fly!

No other entrants.

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THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series I - April 25/26

OLD BIRDS (Young Birds may be flown)

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Oskar Zovich - (16:03)
1st Place Ribbon and Diploma

OTU97-182 Black OTU97-187 Blue OTU97-189 Opal OTU97-1458 Grizzle OTU97-1462 Andalusian FTA97-2197 Mottle and FTA97-2322 Opal. All Hens released at 526AM and lights on and Droppers out at 929PM. Two down at 935PM, one at 937PM, one at 938PM, one at 940PM and two at 955PM with last bird in trap at 957PM. Timed by Harry J. Smith and witnessed by Tom Rankin and Dan Kinnear.

WEATHER:
Cloudy. 36-50 Degrees. Barometer 101.5 Winds SE at 5 MPH changed to NW at 20 MPH. Humidity 70% in AM and 40% in PM. Sunrise 618AM, Sunset 814PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Lights on adjoining property came on and off and I believe caused birds to split. Birds could, in my opinion, have flown longer.

HONOR SYSTEM

Bela Kiss - (09:47)

1st Place Ribbon & Diploma

FTA98-519 Blue Grizzle. FTA98-527 Black Mottle and FTA98-529 Black Mottle. Released at 730AM and all down together at 517PM with last bird in trap at 520PM.

WEATHER:
Sunny, rain from Noon on. 48 Degrees. Barometer 29.95 Winds from NNW at 5 MPH and Humidity at 93%. Sunrise 543AM and Sunset at 734PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Great fly for YBs especially last 4-5 hours in the rain. Very pleased with this performance.

Ross Morden - 05:43)
2nd Place Ribbon

FTA98-951 Blue, 979 Bronze Grizzle, 985 Dun Print and 974 Dun Lt. Print Three YBs released at 557AM and all down together at 11:40AM with last bird in trap at 12:30PM.

WEATHER:
Overcast. 35-50 Degrees. Winds light and Humidity 20%. Sunrise 615AM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Young birds just tired, I guess.

Kemo Basic - DQ)

FTA95-92 C Silver Bar OTU96-570 C Grizzle and OTU91-344 H Blue Bar released at 520AM. Fantail droppers out at 640PM because one bird missing at 540PM Two down at 745PM and 3rd bird missing.
Disqualified because bird missing over an hour and unable to trap all within hour.

WEATHER:
Cloudy. 32-50 Degrees. Barometer 102.2. Winds from NW and low humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
No comments.

Stan Ogozalek - (DQ)

FTA97-503 H, 540 H, 523 H, 544 C and 513 C. All released at 546AM and Droppers out at 746PM. Dropped 3 and two went in overfly.
Disqualified because unable to drop and trap all within hour.

WEATHER:
Rainy, 45 Degrees. Barometer 29 and winds from SE at 10-15 MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Kit flew through the rain all day. Had plenty of fly in them, kitted well and raked well all day. A great performance despite the DQ.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
Stan advised that he was able to get the two that "went over" on the following morning at 630AM.

J. O'Rourke - DQ)

FTA97-286 C Black Velvet, FTA97-292 C Black Belvet, FTA98-501 C Blue Bar and FTA98-503 H Lt. Print. All out at 535AM and Droppers out at 106PM as 501 came down at 105PM. The other three came down at 115PM with last bird in trap at 320PM.
Disqualified because unable to drop and trap all within hour.

WEATHER:
Cloudy, then rain at Noon. 40-55 Degrees. Barometer 29.99. Winds from North at 7MPH and Humidity 64%. Sunrise 547AM and Sunset 738PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Good fly for YBs. They are getting better. The two OBs stayed on the roof and enjoyed the rain.

Joe Russo - DQ)

FTA97-34 C Red Mottle FTA96-156 H Blue Bar and FTA97-36 H Grizzle. All released at 531AM and one down at 1145AM, one at 1215PM and the third at 1225PM. The three birds all took off again and flew some more.
Disqualified because unable to drop and trap within the hour.

WEATHER:
Rain. 48-58 Degrees. Barometer 29.99. Winds E to NE at 8-15 MPH and Humdity at 68%. Sunrise at 557AM and Sunset at 743PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
It was raining all day, heavy at times. Birds came down in heavy rain and then took off again.

Ron Sloan - (DQ)

FTS97-95 C Blue Bar. FTS97-88 C Dark Check and FTS97-983 C Blue Gr. Splash
All out at 550AM. Witnessed by Susan Sloan.
Disqualified because birds landed at 115PM and then took off up and away to fly again. Birds down and not trapped within hour.
WEATHER:
Clear. 32-60 Degrees. Barometer 30.14 Winds from NNW at 7MPH and Humdity at 47%. Sunrise 603AM and Sunset 739PM.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
A first time they did this move. Hope to figure out why?

Harry J. Smith - (DQ)

OTU96-1321 C Grizzle. FTA97-2221 C Andalusian FTA97-2238 C Indigo
all released at 605AM One bird missing over an hour.
Disqualified because unable to drop and trap within the hour.
WEATHER:
Clear. 34-56 Degrees. Winds from NW moderate. Sunrise 521AM.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
One bird gone over the hour.

THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES I

YOUNG BIRDS
(Effective 1997 Any Age Birds can be flown)

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Position | Name | Time | Kit | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | S. Basic | 15:47 | 4 Young Birds | 1988 |
| 2. | S. Basic | 15:20 | 3 Young Birds | 1986 |
| 3. | S. Basic | 15:08 | 3 Young Birds | 1989 |
| 4. | S. Basic | 14:24 | 3 Young Birds | 1985 |
| 5. | G. Chater | 14:20 | 5 Young Birds | 1985 |
| 6. | D. Kinnear | 13:26 | 3 Young Birds - all Hens | 1985 |
| 7. | B. Rotschi | 13:25 | Young Birds | 1983 |
| 8. | S. Basic | 13:03 | 3 Young Birds | 1983 |
| 9. | S. Basic | 12:54 | 3 Young Birds | 1981 |
| 10. | S. Basic | 12:42 | 4 Young Birds | 1992 |
| 11. | B. Kennedy | 12:11 | Young Birds | 1972 |
| 12. | R. Seabridge | 12:07 | 3 Young Birds | 1975 |
| 13. | E. Buraczewski | 12:02 | 3 Young Birds | 1975 |
| 14. | J. Russo | 11:25 | 3 Old Birds | 1997 |
| 15. | V. Jendzo | 11:03 | Young Birds | 1968 |
| 16. | S. Basic | 09:50 | 5 Young Birds | 1987 |
| 17. | G. Chater | 09:32 | 6 Young Birds | 1984 |
| 18. | A. Lukez | 09:28 | 4 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 19. | M. Beedie | 09:24 | 5 Young Birds | 1982 |
| 20. | S. Ogozalek | 09:20 | 5 Young Birds | 1981 |

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## THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES I

YOUNG BIRDS
(Effectivbe 1997 Any Age Birds may be flown)

HONOR SYSTEM

| Position | Name | Time | Kit | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | A. Lukez | 15:41 | 3 Young Birds | 1988 |
| 2. | M. Kobulsku | 14:48 | 3 Young Birds | 1988 |
| 3. | T. Mirseyedi | 11:28 | 3 Young Birds | 1993 |
| 4. | T. Kvidera | 11:24 | 4 Young Birds | 1979 |
| 5. | G. Hulst | 11:04 | 3 Young Birds- all Hens | 1993 |
| 6. | H. J. Smith | 10:02 | 11 Young Birds | 1997 |
| 7. | A. Fuller | 09:43 | 3 Young Birds - all Hens | 1996 |
| 8. | T. Kvidera | 09:39 | 3 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 9. | F. Ratel | 09:35 | 3 Young Birds | 1978 |
| 10. | R. Asencio | 08:57 | 5 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 11. | T. Kvidera | 08:55 | 3 Young Birds | 1983 |
| 12. | D. Bartell | 08:31 | Young Birds | 1973 |
| 13. | L. Brozyna | 08:04 | 5 Young Birds | 1986 |
| 14. | T. Kvidera | 07:56 | 3 Young Birds | 1975 |
| 15. | T. Kvidera | 07:50 | 3 Young Birds | 1976 |
| 16. | R. Strain | 07:23 | 4 Young Birds | 1981 |
| 17. | T. Kvidera | 07:02 | 3 Young Birds | 1978 |
| 18. | J. Contala | 06:15 | 3 Old Birds - all Cocks | 1997 |
| 19. | P. Hagan | 05:53 | Young Birds | 1970 |
| 20. | S. R. Powell | 05:34 | 4 Young Birds | 1987 |

## THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES II

LONG DAY FLY - ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Position | Name | Time | Kit | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | M. Beat | 18:05 | 3 Old Birds- 2 Cocks & 1 Hen | 1992 |
| 2. | O. Zovich | 16:50 | 4 Old Birds - all Hens | 1992 |
| 3. | O. Zovich | 16:49 | 3 Old Birds - all Hens | 1991 |
| 4. | O. Zovich | 16:31 | 3 Old Birds - all Cocks | 1984 |
| 5. | O. Zovich | 16:23 | 4 Old Birds - all cocks | 1985 |
| 6. | A. Lukez | 16:20 | Mixed Kit - 2 OBs & 3 YBs | 1990 |
| 7. | L. Kapac | 16:13 | 3 Old Birds - all Hens | 1993 |
| 8. | M. Kobulsky | 16:09 | 3 Old Birds - All Cocks | 1986 |
| 9. | M. Kobulsky | 16:03 | 3 Old Birds - all Cocks | 1988 |
| 10. | R. Seabridge | 15:46 | 4 Old Birds - all Hens | 1983 |
| 11. | S. Bliszcz | 15:45 | 3 Old Birds - Sex Unknown | 1977 |
| 12. | M. Kobulsky | 15:39 | 3 Old Birds - all Cocks | 1989 |
| 13. | S. Harris | 15:29 | 4 Old Birds - all Cocks | 1991 |
| 14. | D. Kinnear | 15:14 | 3 Old Birds - all Hens | 1985 |
| 15. | M. Beat | 15:12 | 3 Old Birds - 2 Hens & 1 Cock | 1991 |
| 16. | R. Seabridge | 15:10 | 3 Old Birds - all Cocks | 1984 |
| 17. | A. Lukez | 15:07 | 3 Old Birds - all Hens | 1982 |
| 18. | S. Basic | 14:38 | 3 Young Birds-Sex Unknown | 1992 |
| 19. | G. Chater | 13:43 | 3 Old Birds - Sex Uknown | 1982 |
| 20. | R. Seabridge | 13:09 | 3 Old Birds - all Cocks | 1975 |

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## THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES II

### LONG DAY FLY - ANY AGE BIRDS

### HONOR SYSTEM

| Position | Name | Time | Kit | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | M. Beat | 16:03 | Mixed Kit - 2 OBs & 1 YB | 1990 |
| 2. | T. kvidera | 15:46 | 4 Young Birds | 1979 |
| 3. | A. Rajabnik | 15:11 | 3 Young Birds | 1992 |
| 4. | M. Bauman | 14:44 | 3 Old Birds | 1984 |
| 5. | K. Zamanian | 14:38 | 3 Young Birds | 1988 |
| 6. | H. Ahmadi | 14:34 | 4 Young Birds | 1985 |
| 7. | H. Johnson | 14:17 | Mixed Kit - 1 OB & 2 YBs | 1977 |
| 8. | L. Brozyna | 14:05 | 3 Old Birds | 1982 |
| 9. | F. Ratel | 13:40 | Mixed Kit - 3 OBs & 2 YBs | 1979 |
| 10. | E. Buraczewski | 13:32 | 4 Old Birds - all lcocks | 1978 |
| 11. | F. Ratel | 13:08 | Mixed Kit - 1 OB & 3 YBS | 1980 |
| 12. | S. Ferguson | 12:55 | 3 Old Birds - all lCocks | 1980 |
| 13. | T. Mirseyedi | 12:07 | 3 Young Birds -2 Hens & 1 Cock | 1993 |
| 14. | T. Kvidera | 11:55 | 3 Young Birds -2 Cocks & 1 Hen | 1992 |
| 15. | R. Morden | 11:40 | 7 Young Birds - Sex Unknown | 1997 |
| 16. | S. Bliszcz | 11:29 | 3 Young Birds | 1975 |
| 17. | R. Asencio | 11:05 | 5 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 18. | J. O'Rourke | 11:04 | 2 YBs & 1 OB - all Cocks | 1990 |
| 19. | R. Strain | 10:42 | 3 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 20. | M. Markovic | 10:39 | 3 Young Birds | 1980 |

## THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES _ SUMMER SERIES III

### YOUNG BIRDS

(Effective 1997 - Any Age Birds may be flown)

### OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Position | Name | Time | Kit | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | G. Chater | 16:02 | 5 Young Birds | 1985 |
| 2. | G. Chater | 14:38 | 3 Young Birds | 1984 |
| 3. | M. Kobulsky | 14:37 | 4 Young Birds | 1988 |
| 4. | A. Lukez | 13:59 | 3 Young Birds | 1989 |
| 5. | K. Zamanian | 13:55 | 3 Young Birds | 1988 |
| 6. | S. Basic | 12:46 | 3 Young Birds | 1994 |
| 7. | O. Zovich | 12:27 | 7 Young Birds | 1984 |
| 8. | S. Basic | 12:23 | 3 Young Birds | 1992 |
| 9. | S. Ogozalek | 12:07 | 5 Young Birds | 1985 |
| 10. | D. Kinnear | 11:30 | 5 Young Birds | 1984 |
| 11. | M. Kobulsky | 11:23 | 3 Young Birds | 1985 |
| 12. | E. Borchers | 08:15 | 3 Young Birds | 1982 |
| 13. | R. Rotschi | 08:07 | Young Birds | 1974 |
| 14. | M. Kobulsky | 07:39 | 4 Young Birds | 1986 |
| 15. | J. Prochilo | 07:28 | Young Birds | 1974 |
| 16. | A. Lukez | 07:27 | 3 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 17. | Knight's Loft | 07:03 | Young Birds | 1967 |
| 18. | W. Kahlert | 06:45 | 4 Young Birds | 1984 |
| 19. | S. Randall | 05:55 | Young Birds | 1969 |
| 20. | D. Zink | 05:54 | 3 Young Birds | 1975 |

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THE 20 BEST FLYING TIMES - SUMMER SERIES III

YOUNG BIRDS
(Effective 1997 Any Age birds may be Flown)

HONOR SYSTEM

| Position | Name | Time | Kit | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | F. Ratel | 15:35 | 6 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 2. | T. Kvidera | 15:32 | 3 Young Birds | 1981 |
| 3. | A. Lukez | 13:45 | 4 Young Birds | 1984 |
| 4. | F. Ratel | 13:35 | 5 Young Birds | 1978 |
| 5. | M. Beedie | 13:32 | 3 Young Birds | 1984 |
| 6. | H. J. Smith | 12:02 | 7 Young Birds | 1995 |
| 7. | R. Asencio | 11:29 | 5 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 8. | T. Kvidera | 11:18 | 3 Young Birds - all Cocks | 1994 |
| 9. | T. Kvidera | 11:11 | 3 Young Birds - all Cocks | 1992 |
| 10. | R. Asencio | 10:26 | 3 Young Birds | 1982 |
| 11. | T. Kvidera | 10:12 | Young Birds | 1974 |
| 12. | H. J. Smith | 10:06 | 3 YBs - 2 cocks & 1 Hen | 1996 |
| 13. | H. Amadi | 09:57 | 3 Young Birds | 1985 |
| 14. | J. Smith | 09:20 | 6 Young Birds | 1980 |
| 15. | T. Kvidera | 09:12 | 3 Young Birds | 1976 |
| 16. | H.J. Smith | 08:38 | 10 Young Birds | 1997 |
| 17. | T. Kvidera | 08:32 | 3 Young Birds | 1979 |
| 18. | H. Ahmadi | 08:31 | 3 Young Birds - all Hens | 1993 |
| 19. | T. Kvidera | 06:30 | 3 Young Birds | 1988 |
| 20. | J. Contala | 08:15 | 3 Old Birds - all Cocks | 1997 |




## Hunt for Pigeon Killer

San Francisco has set up emergency "pigeon patrols" after dozens of birds were found poisoned this week.

"The city's domestic pigeons are not 'flying rats,' as some claim," the San Francisco Chronicle said in an angry editorial yesterday. "Rather they are streetwise doves with the skills needed to survive in an urban jungle, like many of us."

At least 40 pigeons were found dead after eating birdseed laced with strychnine. Animal control officers have tracked the poisoned pellets to at least one vacant lot in the city

The patrols are hoping to track down whoever is responsible for the killings.

From Our English Correspondent And Good Friend Jack Prescott 1809

## Nocturnal Vision.

The nocturnal vision of pigeons is inferior to that of humans. I can go into the loft at night and pick my pigeons off their perches, rather like I can go and pick goods from the super-store shelves. I can see them - but they cannot see me. In daylight, I could not catch my pigeons with such ease. Having a large loft with plenty of perches, in daylight, I have to be very quick if I want to catch them. They are escape artists...

After a fly into darkness my pigeons have difficulty in locating their own perches - where as I can see them very well and in some cases I have had to catch them on the floor and place them on perches. Otherwise they would spend the night on the floor. My perches, by the way, are between 4 and 5 feet from the floor.

Very often my pigeons have flown right into darkness - too dark for them to enter the loft and to be fed. I have no artificial lighting. Left out all night on top of my loft I know that they would be vulnerable. Some owl, some fox, cat or some rat could so easily catch one in the dark - or at least spook them into flying in the dark. Pigeons flying in the darkness or in dense fog become totally disorientated. They could drift for miles, they could strike wires, trees, etc., to be injured and therefore prevented from returning home on the next morning. Never forget that an injured pigeon is a very easy target for an a cat, fox, rat, owl or any person who wants to grab it.

I do not believe that any man has studied night flying pigeons more than I have. For many years I flew on most days right into darkness, October to March. I had to do this. I worked until 4.30pm and in England in October to March, there is not much daylight after 5pm. But I had to have my daily fly and I could not possibly endure life without my daily fly. On countless evenings, October to March 1969 to 1984, I flew pigeons right into darkness on most days. So don't tell me that I don't know about pigeons in the dark. 24 years - 6 months of each years spent on dark flying - often 4 times a week. By my reckoning at least 2,450 individual experiences of pigeons of pigeons flying into darkness. I HAD NO NERVES - IN THOSE DAYS.

My conclusions are that it is a dicey game. They get used to it - but it takes a lot of time and a lot of patience. The time to dark train is when the days are relatively short. I'd prefer to dark train at 7pm rather than midnight. Hugh Coulter of Northern Ireland is on record - flying and training in December when it's dark by 4.30pm. As I say, they get used to it and to artificial loft top lighting, and the droppers and the luring.

In the fading light, after a days work, I have watched. My kits have appeared and then drifted and then reappeared, time and time again. I have stood there and cursed and maybe come close to a prayer. Eventually, I have got them down, very nervous and likely to explode again into flight. Many times I had them down, but I could not get them inside without a real lot of trying. No use getting nasty. I found that my bad temper and frustration was detected by my pigeons and this only made things worse. My own father and my grandfather were more patient than me. That is why they were better pigeon men and better human beings - than I am.

In the dark, one of the kit or more, may, for a few seconds drop in a tree, or a house, or a T.V. aerial, only to take off again nervously. It takes so very much intense observation every minute of the dark flying caper. One cannot relax. They do drop elsewhere - if only for a few seconds. that means disqualification - but only if it is seen. It's a nerve wrecking experience keeping them under observation in the dark. One hour of it and I am already a nervous wreck. Two hours of it and I am fit to be tied.

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By the Lord Harry! - Who is qualified to referee Tipplers with about 3 hours in the dark? Me? - With 2,450 experiences? I am here to tell you all that I am not qualified.

*Jack Prescott.*

C L A S S I F I E D S

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Jack Prescott's book, "My Way with Pigeons." $10.00 cash. Write to:Jack Prescott, 6 Goore Avenue, Sheffield, S94GE, England

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## OFFICERS' COMMUNICATION

August, 1998

Copy to: Buraczewski, Kehrer, Russo, O'Rourke, Kogan, Basic, Ogozalek, Powell, Tomsic, Zovich

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Hope that this finds you all having had a good season. I am a little later in getting this out than I had planned, and due to that I need to give you a very short deadline for responses. Sorry for that, but it will require that you not set this down very long before having to send me back your decision.

The main thrust of this Communication is to poll the Executive Board concerning the ratification of Smail Basic's young birds fly of 16:06 flown under the official system with David Dean as timer on June 7, 1998. I am enclosing a copy of the article that Kemo wrote describing the fly, and a copy of his Timer's Report for the fly. His time of 16:06 betters Gord Chater's 16:02 our currently recognized FTA Official System Young Bird Record and is also to be considered for the North American Official System Young Bird Record. Please review this matter and respond within the next week, or two at most. I want to have the matter settled in time to get it announced in the upcoming September FTA Bulletin that is about to go to press.

As I have mentioned in the past Bulletins Jerry and I have been getting things together for what will be a FTA Handbook that with luck will be ready before year end. Included in it will be updated top twenty flys for all FTA contests, FTA history, membership list, constitution, fly rules and maybe some articles on the handling, training, etc. of our Tipplers. Included will be a listing of current endurance records from throughout the world. Fortunately Heinz Kaupschaefer does a great job of keeping track of those things and he has sent me a copy.

What I plan to publish as FTA records is as follows. If you note any discrepancies please let me know as soon as possible.

| | Official System | | | Honor System | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Old Birds | M. Beat | 18:05 | 1992 | M. Beat | 16:03 | 1990 |
| Young Birds | S. Basic* | 16:06 | 1998 | R. Dubuc | 16:25 | 1960 |
| Stock Kit | M. Kobulsky | 11:34 | 1989 | J. Smith | 11:03 | 1980 |

* assuming that Basic's fly is ratified

Thanks in advance for your quick response. Jim Kvidera

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Detach and send to Tim Kvidera, 13610 Johnson St. N.E., Anoka, MN 55304

Smail Basic's time of 16:06 should be accepted as a new FTA Official System Young Bird Record.....

YES ✓ NO _____

S. Robert Powell 8/24/98

Returned 8/24/98

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# Flying Tippler Association Of America
## Timer's Report Form

Name: SMAIL BASIC
Address: 23 ESTHER L. DR.
REXDALE ONT
M9W-4V2
Phone: 416-747-9306

Date: JUN. 7-98
Official System: ☑ Honor System: ☐
Spring fly: ☐ Summer fly: ☑
Fall fly: ☐ Stock Fly: ☐

Band Numbers: FTA-98- 1261 (BLUE) - 1274 (DUN) - 1273 (SILVER)
Organization, Year, Number. Sex

Starting Time: 4:37 AM Number of birds in Kit: 3
Dropping Signal: 8:43 PM FANTAILS
Method and time of deployment.

Birds Down: 8:50 8:55 8:57
Times - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

Last Bird in Trap: 9:15 Bands Checked Identical: Yes ☑ No ☐

Time Flown: ( Difference between Starting Time and Dropping signal or Starting time and the time first bird Down if no Droppers or Signal used. )
16 Hours 06 Minutes: Disqualified: Yes ☐ No ☒

If Disqualified, Reason:

Weather: CLOUDY 60°F 102.5 10 MPH 20%
Cloud cover, Temperature range, Barometer, Wind speed & direction, Humidity.

Timer's Signature: David Dunn Flyer's Signature: Smail Basic

Other Witnesses: DR. THOMAS I. SAITO
BOBBY DUNBARTH / WALTER WIECHEC / HARRY SMITH

Comments: KEMO CONGRATULATIONS! IT WAS A LONG DAY BUT I WAS (TOM NOWICKI
WAITING FOR THIS DAY. AND I AM VERY HAPPY THAT YOU GOT THE AWARD, ANYWAY YOUR, YOUR
FAMILY AND YOUR IRISH DELIGHTS DESERVE IT ALL. DAVID DUNN JUN 7/98

Mail to: Jerry O'Rourke (201 Codman Road, Norwood, MA 02062) It must be post marked by MONDAY after the fly, or TUESDAY if Monday is a holiday.

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# THE NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG BIRD RECORD
## SUMMER SERIES I

On the morning of the *Summer Series I*, after checking the bands with my timer David Dean, I took the birds out in the backyard and waited until 4:37 A.M. to release them. The sky was cloudy and we could see the birds flying as a kit and going to North.

At 5:50 A.M. the birds showed up and from then on they passed by every 15-20 min. making it an easy kit to time. It was an unusually cold day (40 degrees) for the *Summer Series I*, but the birds loved it.

At 11 A.M. Walter Wiechec came by, he stayed for a few minutes and noted that it was "a nice kit of young birds".

By noon it was not as cold (50 degrees) when Harry Smith came. The birds were high and Harry remarked that "the kit is flying in a beautiful style". Harry was impressed with the height they flew at this point.

By 3 o'clock in the afternoon the temperature was around 60 degrees, still cloudy with occasional showers or sprinkles with a light wind from the North at up to 10MPH. The kit was in a flying mode and did not even once "look or break".

At 13.5 hours on the wings, Walter came back with Bobby Dunseith. Bobby's one of the top Irish Tipplermen visiting relatives in the Toronto area. Bobby taped the kit for a few minutes and observed that "it is a strong kit of youngsters".

At 15 hrs on the wings, raking was shorter (5-10 min.) but they still were not "looking".

Irish birds are rather difficult to drop. They were not trained to the dark. I had to release the droppers as soon as possible in order to get them before the dark. At 8:41 PM it was "time" to release the droppers but I had to wait until 8:43 PM for the birds to show up.

The first bird (the Silver cock) came down after 7 minutes, the second bird (the Dun hen) came down after 12 min. and the third bird (the Blue Barred cock) came down after a very long 14 min. The bands were checked and I thanked David Dean for his kindness. My son video taped the last hour of the fly; a wonderful event. It is very interesting to watch the birds come to the coop one by one. At 73 days old , after flying 16 hours and 6 minutes, a new North American Young Bird Record, the physical and mental condition of these birds was amazing.

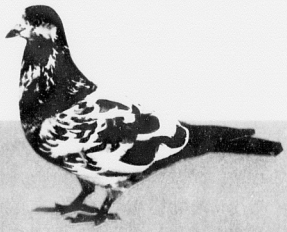
These birds are bred through Harry Shannon's strain. They are mostly Blue Barred, Duns, Silver Grizzles, Blue Checks, Dun Checks and Bronzes. In August of 1996, I got 4 pairs from Tom Rankin. They were bred directly from the imports. "Young Tippler Training and Feeding" by Harry Shannon was published in the CHU, FTA, FTS and DTU. This is the program that I used.

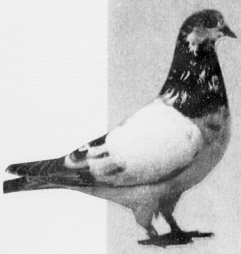
I would like to thank Walter Wiechec, Harry Smith, Bobby Dunseith, Harry Shannon, Tom Rankin and David Dean for their support.

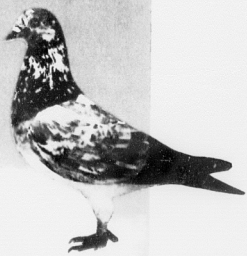
Yours in the sport,

James / Bonn

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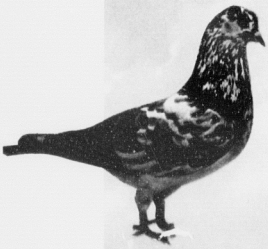


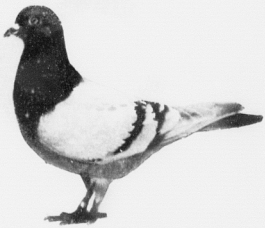


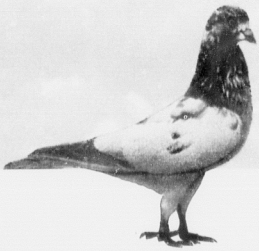
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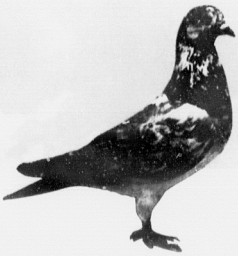
## FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

September, 1998

As I write this, in mid August, it is hard to believe that summer is almost over and that the Fall Series flys are almost upon us. Guess I will have to hurry and get a kit put together. Do have a group of squeakers in the cage that will be allowed to test their wings in a few days. Hope that the rest of you have some ready too. We have had some flyers that have had quite a successful season to date.

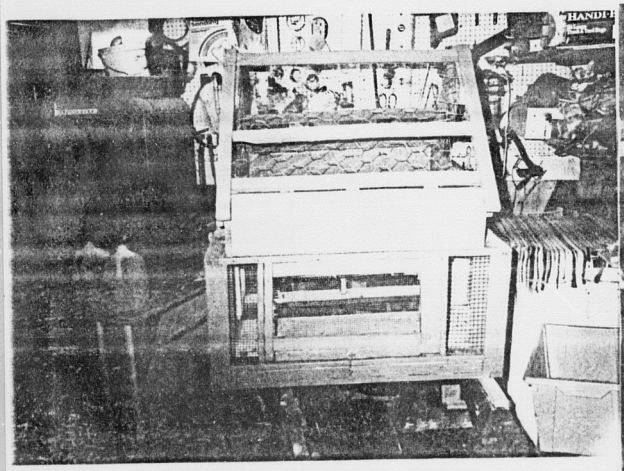
Smail (Kemo) Basic had a kit of youngsters go for 16:06 in the first Summer Series fly, bettering Gord Chater's 16:02 North American Young Birds Record. By the time this Bulletin comes out hopefully I will have polled the FTA Executive Board and Kemo's fly will have been officially ratified. Congratulations Kemo on a great effort!!

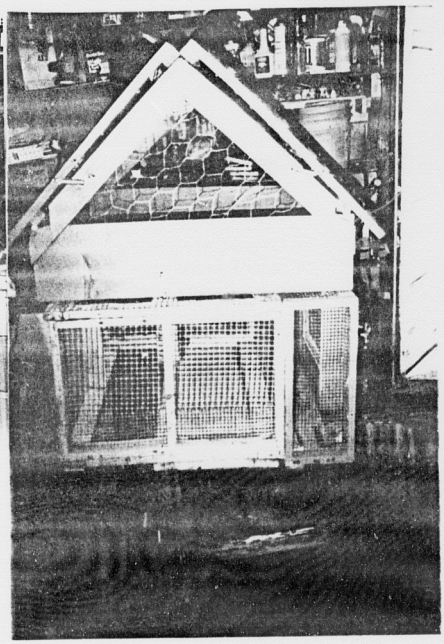
There were many others who got good efforts from their kits. Oskar Zovich, who is always competitive, outdid himself this year. He had two great kits of old birds that turned in 16:03 (Spring I), 17:06 (Spring III), and 17:22 (Summer II). To top that off he had an even better fly, but turned in a disqualification as he was unable to secure a timer in that one. Great season Oskar!! I wish you many more. Stan Ogozalek had a young bird kit that turned in three good times - 14:01, 14:27 and 10:42 - during the Summer Series. Bela Kiss got his twelve birds to go 9:42 in the last summer fly after doing 10:19 with youngsters in the first summer fly. Harry Smith did 10:45 with eight youngsters to start off the summer. Even your president got into the act. With the work situation requiring less business travel I had a chance to spend some time with some late first round youngsters that did 13:05 on Long Day and followed up with 16:00 on the Fourth of July. Let's hope that the degree of participation and quality of results continue on into the Fall Series.

As we have mentioned before there is a movement underway to assess the feasibility of putting together a Tippler Special issue of the Pigeon Debut magazine. David Fuller is spearheading the effort from the FTS side and we have Jerry O'Rourke who has volunteered to help from the FTA. The target date for the issue would be late 1999 or early 2000. The first order of business is to find out if we have enough membership ad support to satisfy the required $2000.00 minimum. Current ad rates are $12.00 per column inch, $50.00 for a quarter page, $95.00 for a half page and $109.00 for a full page. Outside front cover is $300.00 and comes with a "free" full page inside. Back cover is $275.00 and inside front and inside back are $225.00 We need to get an idea of who is willing to purchase what size ad so that we can see if we can budget for this Tippler Special. There is no need to send money yet, but we need to know what size ad you anticipate ordering. And we need to know that as soon as possible!! Drop a note to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA 02062 within the next couple weeks. Today would be better. If you have already let David know of your intentions, no need to tell Jerry. We do not want to double count. But of course you can feel free to put in as many ads as you want. If this Tippler Special comes to be it will serve as a reference of Tippler information for years in the future. Your ad will be seen for decades.

## Calling all FTA members

It is time for us to get the process of determining the FTA officers for the next two years. We need nominations of people who are willing to serve in club in any and all positions -- President, Eastern Vice President, Western Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, and Board of Directors. If you know of anyone interested and willing to run for office send their nomination to Jerry. If you are interested in serving and are not sure that someone else will nominate you then send in your own name. We will put together a ballot and have a membership vote in time to install the new officers at the start of next year.





Two different views of a Hawk trap which I recently made for my friend, Bela Kiss. Bela is having a terrible problem with a Hawk that lands right on top of his Loft and terrifies his birds. Bela has lost a few YBs to this predator. Let's hope this sovles the problem The trap is in a closed position, but the top on both sides opens up and a trigger board is inserted to keep the doors open until the Hawk trips it and it slams shut.

The pigeons used as bait are kept in the trap below and while the Hawk can see them, he cannot get at them as there is a wire cover on the top of it separating the two pieces of the trap. John Kleis sent me the plans for it.

Jerry O'Rourke

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# FROM THE TIPPLER MAILBAB

S. Robert Powell, RD1 Box 40, Carbondale, PA. 18407

I received a very nice letter from Robert Powell, our former Secretary-Treasusrer. I had not heard from Robert for some time. It is nice to know that he is doing well and still has his birds. His letter is elsewhere in this Bulletin. s/J. O'Rourke

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+John Hayes, 386 Beebe Rd., Mineola, NY 11501

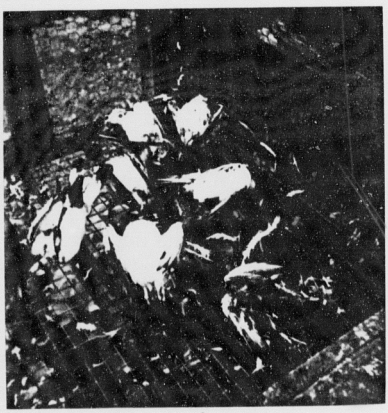
Enclosed is my $$ for dues renewal to your excellent Club with outstanding Bulletins. I have been Timer for Joe Russo and note the setbacks including hawk problems with early pre-sunrise releases. Seems that's when hawks like to do their hunting. s/John Hayes

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John Kleis, Sr., 423 Dugan Rd., Richfield Springs, NY 13439-9636

Dear Jerry: As you can see by the pictures I am sending , today is not a good day for me. My complete breeding team of 12 birds got completely wiped out, all but one cock. I don't know how he made it. My complete 3rd round of youngsters in the nest, just banded, also all got killed - a disaster that really hurts, but thank God I still have a fly team of 13 youngsters to fly for the season. I must stock some of them for breeders for next year. Jerry, thanks again for the great visit we had at your home. It was a great day. Enclosed is check for 5 fly sheets. Thank you. Your friend, s/John

**John, I feel very badly about your loss. From what you said, it sounds like a weasel or a mink. (They kill for the sake of killing and pile up the bodies. I hope your trap works and you get rid of this predator.**
**John's pictures below.**



Lower fly pen



upper fly pen

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June 9, 1998

Dear Jerry:

I'm very glad you wrote. I had no idea that my dues for 1998 were not paid.

All is well here. Had a very enjoyable phone visit with Stanley Ogozalek a few weeks ago when his birds were flying in competition and doing well. I'll be anxious to read the fly results.

My life is too complicated at present to fly my birds in FTA flys—even under the honor system. But I do fly them regularly and enjoy having them as much as I ever did.

My two best birds are two males hatched in 1985 (now thirteen years old) that I got from Stanley Ogozalek. All of my birds are related to those two males, both of which are still fertile and have fathered some very nice young birds this year. One especially attractive young bird is pure white with a black tail. In years of raising Tipplers, I have never hatched a bird of that color. Very attractive. It's father is one of those 1985 males (a blue bar), mated to one of his great great granddaughters (a dark grizzle). I'm hoping that more of that color will emerge.

The Racing Homers that I now raise are also the source of a lot of pleasure to me. I take some Homers with me when I travel to poultry shows and they have come home well from as far as 300 miles.

I continue to raise and show poultry and was recently named a Master Breeder and Grand Master Exhibitor of Standard Partridge Plymouth Rocks by the American Poultry Association. Ralph Britt and I share this double interest in Tipplers and exhibition poultry and I regularly run into Ralph at poultry shows.

Hope all is well with you. Thank you for all that you do for the flying tippler hobby.

Best regards,

Robert

Harry J. Smith, 3105 Queen Frederica Dr., Apt 301, Mississauga, Ont. L4Y-3A5
Hi Jerry: Here is the latest news. The lady who owns the house where I keep my pigeons is selling her home. She is quite old and has reached the point were she can no longer handle the rigors of maintaining a home. She is going to live in a place that has no grass to cut or snow to be removed. However, I have found a place to keep my pigeons. This man has a big piece of property that has no houses or people to contend with, just a lumber yard and a couple of small factories. Just an ideal setup.
AT first I was a little unsure of a move on account of my age. However, my oldest daughter convinced me to to ahead ane enjoy my hobby. It will be a small Loft. I estimate I can handle 8 pairs of breeders plus room for a couple of fly cages to hold my young birds. I will be ready for early breeding in the Spring as I will only be flying young birds. Have those red ribbons handy. I will keep in touch. Yours in the sport. s/ Harry J. Smith.

**Very smart daughter you have there, Harry. We are pleased you have found a new home for your birds. I will keep those Ribbons ready for you.**

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Dan Kinnear, 6 Kemp Sq., North York, Ontario M6M-2V5
Jerry: First of all, thank you for the warm welcome to the FTA. It's been a long time. I've been in the homers the last ten years. I enjoyed them very much, but the homer game is getting quite expensive. I have been very fortunate to time a few kits of birds from Oskar Zovich. It is just a matter of time before he breaks the Old Bird Record. If he ever gets a break in the weather, he will do it. I just happen to see the results from Summer Series II, Long Day Fly 20 Best Times. It has me flying 15 hours and 14 minutes with 3 Old Birds in 1985. That is the correct time, but that kit was three young Birds, all hens. They were a terrific kit. I believe they would have broken the YB record except I ran into a moulting problem. No feathers. Speaking of records, I congratulate Smail Basic, or Kemo as I know him, for his record in the YB fly. I don't know what the prices of bands are, so if you could send me $ worth, I would appreciate it.
Thanks again. s/Dan Kinnear
PS - Congratulations on your OB results.

**Dan, we are happy to have you back in the FTA. I have changed your record to read YBs. Thank you for bringing this to my attention.**

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Abe Jessop, 234 Sanders Rd., Box 5281, Amsterdam, NY, 12010
Dear Jerry: Sorry for not writing sooner, but have been trying to come up with something special to thank you for the great hospitality you honored us with on our visit. I couldn't come up with anything so it will just be a Thank-you note. You have a wonderful family, and the royal treatment you all showed will be one of my most treasured memories of my lifetime.
It was nice meeting Mel and Bela. Their enthusiasm with Tipplers really shows. Too bad we didn't get a chance to see your birds up. They appear to be very well bred and looked excellent.
Glad to hear that Tim is interested in the "Handbook" idea. If anything new or interesting comes up, I'll make sure to stay in touch with you.
John Kleis had a sad experience a couple of days after we came home. A coon got in his breeder loft and wiped out everything but one cock bird. John was totally devastated. He still has over a dozen flyers, and his son has some stock of his own strain, so I'm sure John will bounce back in good shape

by next year. I'll write again soon. Bless you and your family. Your friend, Abe Jessop.

Abe, it was a great pleasure to meet you, John and Lou. My family enjoyed having you visit with us. For those members not familiar with Adrian Jessop, he is a former Secretary of the FTA and has great knowledge of the workings of our Club. He has volunteered to assist me in any way possible in keeping the Records, and furnishing articles for the Bulletin. He has already sent me quite a bit of material on the early days of the FTA and its history. We will incorporate many of Abe's articles in future Bulletins and in our Handbook which is now in the process of being put together by Tim Kvidera. Thanks too, Abe, for the pictures of your visit to my house which are in this Bulletin.

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Tim Kvidera, 13610 Johnson St., NE,, Anoka, MN. 55304

Jerry: As I mentioned on the phone late last week, my young bird kit apparently was hit by a Hawk during their last training fly prior to what I hoped would be an attempt to better the existing 16:25 Red Dubuc's YB Honor System record. One of the kit, when I dropped them 40 minutes after sunset Wednesday night had a shattered leg. With only 3 in the kit that wiped out any hoped to try for the record this past weekend. I'm sure they could have made a go at it. Best wishes, Tim.

Tim, I think you are right. Your kit might just have done it. Tim's kit did 13:05 in the Summer II fly and came back with a 16:00 in the Summer III fly. They appeared to be ready to do even better in their next fly. Certainly a tough break, Tim.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Smail (Kemo) Basic**

For settling a new

**OFFICIAL SYSTEM NORTH AMERICAN**

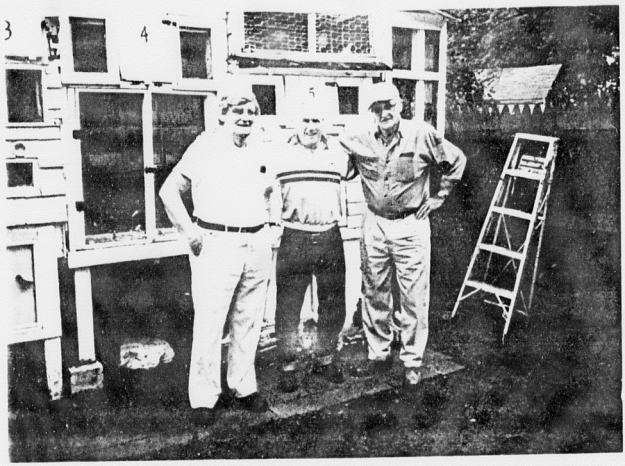
**YOUNG BIRDS RECORD**

**Sixteen hours and six minutes -- 16:06 -- June 7, 1998**

Kit consisting of

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THE NEW YORK CONNECTION
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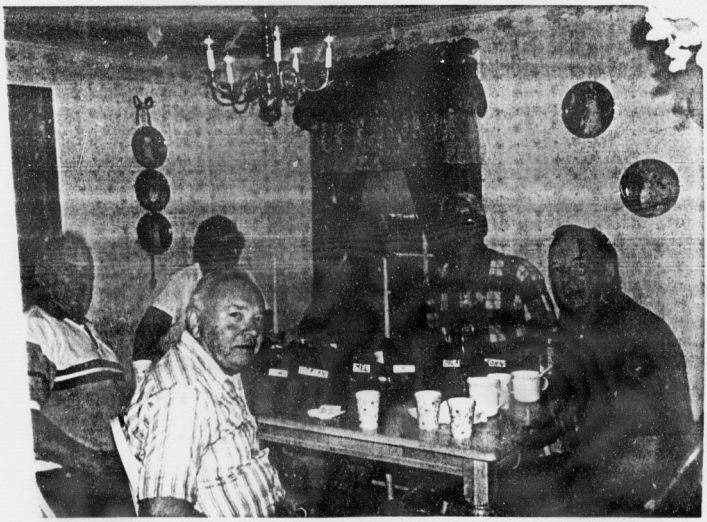


John Kleis,Sr., Lou Smith, Bela Kiss, Jerry O'Rourke ,
and Mel Hallas (from left to right)

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Looking over the Tipplers with John Kleis, Sr., Jerry O'Rourke and Lou Smith.



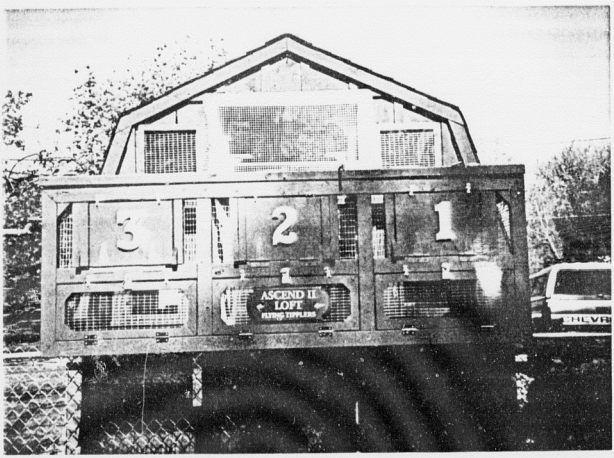
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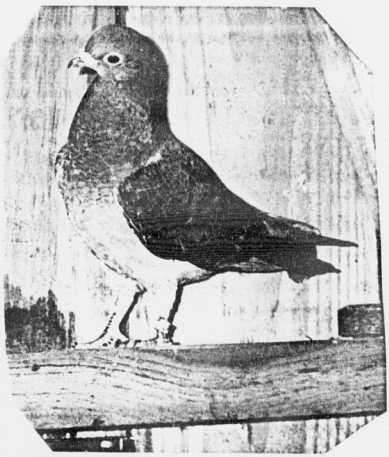
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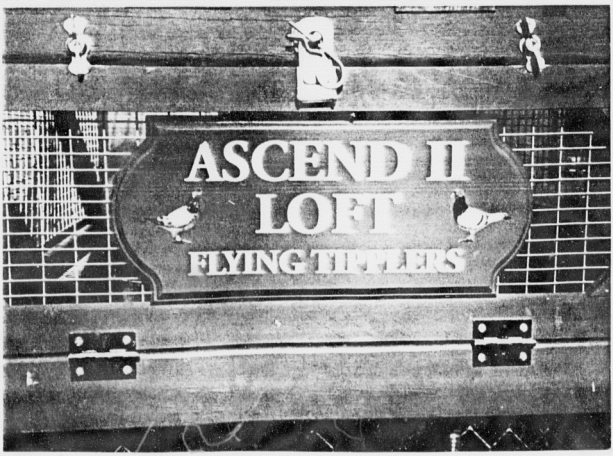
# T I P P L E R  T A I L S

I met new member, Mel Hallas of North Attleboro, MA., at the Pawtucket, RI, show last year. I had a few Tipplers entered in the show and Mel liked their looks and said that he was interested in getting some birds that could fly. He knew nothing about Tipplers at this time. Mel visited my Loft and we went over all aspects of Tipplering. He built a beautiful Loft this past Winter. (See pictures and look at Loft numbers and then look at the name. (This is a play on words - read the name slowly.) Get it? I gave Mel a pair of breeders and two youngsters to start. (See pictures of these two YBs, both Lovatts.) s.J. O'Rourke

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THE BOYS FROM NEW YORK

I have been in contact with John Kleis, Sr., for the past 3 years through phone calls and letters. John promised that he would come to Norwood, MA., and visit with me one of these days. On June 14th, John, fellow FTA member, Abe Jessop, and their friend, Lou Smith, finally made the trip. It was a terrible weekend of rain, but it cleared in the afternoon. My good friend, Bela Kiss, came up from Cape Cod, and new member, Mel Hallas, of North Attleboro, MA., also came to Norwood. We had a great time talking Tipplers, but the weather would not permit me to let my birds fly that day. My daughter, Denise, hosted the affair due to my wife's illness. In lieu of a BBQ because of the rain, we had Lasagna, Baked stuffed Scallops, American Chop Suey, Salads, etc., I think everyone enjoyed the food. John brought me down two pairs of his famous Macclesfield Tipplers, and they are beautiful and they fly great. Everyone tells me they had a nice time, and it was a great thrill for me to meet John, Abe and Lou. They are really fine gentlemen. s/Jerry O'Rourke (See pictures elsewhere in this Bulletin)

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TO OUR CANADIAN MEMBERS

If it not too much trouble I was wondering if our Canadian members could send in their monies for Dues, bands, etc., in American currency. I have had the Bank return some Canadian Money Orders and it takes almost two weeks to collect the monies from the Canadian Postal service. Meanwhile, the Bank has deducted the monies from our FTA account until collection is made. This creates more paperwork for me. Personal checks made out to the FTA are okay, but the Postal Money Orders do create a problem. Thank you. Jerry O'Rourke.

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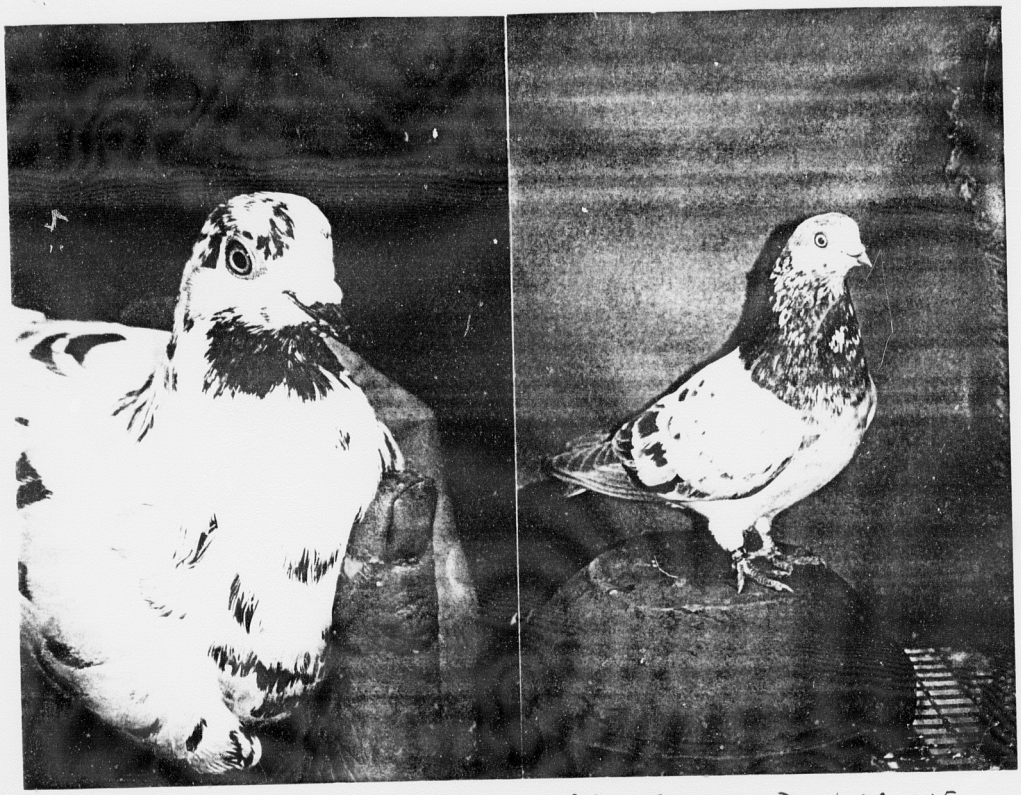
My telephone Area Code has been changed from 617 to 781. Should any of our members wish to contact me, my telephone number is now 781-769-5891. Jerry O'Rourke

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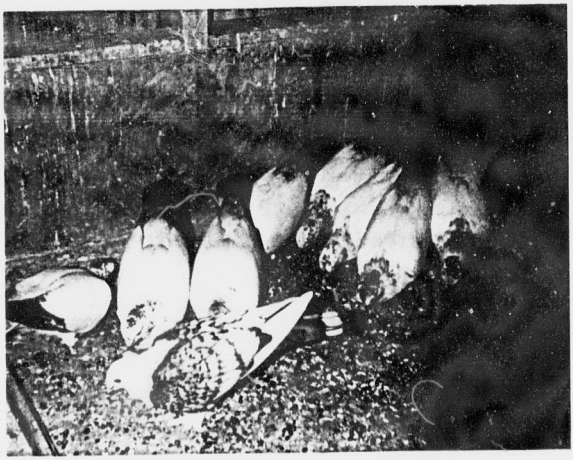
Election for FTA Officers for 1999-2000 is near. If any member would like to run for office, or nominate another member to serve, please let me know. We would like to make up a Ballot and send it out as soon as possible so that the results may be published in the December Bulletin. Your present FTA officers had to serve another two years in the last election year because no one volunteered to serve. Please let me hear from you. Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062.

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ABE JESSOP'S LT. PRINT LOVATT

ABE JESSOP'S DUN GRIZZLE LOVATT



JOHN KLEIS' MACS & DROPPER

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# THE NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG BIRD RECORD
## SUMMER SERIES I

On the morning of the *Summer Series I*, after checking the bands with my timer David Dean, I took the birds out in the backyard and waited until 4:37 A.M. to release them. The sky was cloudy and we could see the birds flying as a kit and going to North.

At 5:50 A.M. the birds showed up and from then on they passed by every 15-20 min. making it an easy kit to time. It was an unusually cold day (40 degrees) for the *Summer Series I*, but the birds loved it.

At 11 A.M. Walter Wiechec came by, he stayed for a few minutes and noted that it was "a nice kit of young birds".

By noon it was not as cold (50 degrees) when Harry Smith came. The birds were high and Harry remarked that "the kit is flying in a beautiful style". Harry was impressed with the height they flew at this point.

By 3 o'clock in the afternoon the temperature was around 60 degrees, still cloudy with occasional showers or sprinkles with a light wind from the North at up to 10MPH. The kit was in a flying mode and did not even once "look or break".

At 13.5 hours on the wings, Walter came back with Bobby Dunseith. Bobby's one of the top Irish Tipplermen visiting relatives in the Toronto area. Bobby taped the kit for a few minutes and observed that "it is a strong kit of youngsters".

At 15 hrs on the wings, raking was shorter (5-10 min.) but they still were not "looking".

Irish birds are rather difficult to drop. They were not trained to the dark. I had to release the droppers as soon as possible in order to get them before the dark. At 8:41 PM it was "time" to release the droppers but I had to wait until 8:43 PM for the birds to show up.

The first bird (the Silver cock) came down after 7 minutes, the second bird (the Dun hen) came down after 12 min. and the third bird (the Blue Barred cock) came down after a very long 14 min. The bands were checked and I thanked David Dean for his kindness. My son video taped the last hour of the fly; a wonderful event. It is very interesting to watch the birds come to the coop one by one. At 73 days old , after flying 16 hours and 6 minutes, a new North American Young Bird Record, the physical and mental condition of these birds was amazing.

These birds are bred through Harry Shannon's strain. They are mostly Blue Barred, Duns, Silver Grizzles, Blue Checks, Dun Checks and Bronzes. In August of 1996, I got 4 pairs from Tom Rankin. They were bred directly from the imports. "Young Tippler Training and Feeding" by Harry Shannon was published in the CNTU, FTA, FTS and DTU. This is the program that I used.

I would like to thank Walter Wiechec, Harry Smith, Bobby Dunseith, Harry Shannon, Tom Rankin and David Dean for their support.

Yours in the sport,

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THE NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG BIRD
RECORD KIT BRED AND FLOWN
BY S.BASIC 16 HRS AND 06 MIN

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## Jack Prescott – English Correspondent.

### The Qualification of Referees.

I have always said that correct supervision of a contest flying kit of tipplers is a job for someone with great practical knowledge of the breed and wide experiences of what such pigeons will actually do. I could quote many examples, where men of long standing dedication to Tipplers have failed to realise that their birds are dropping away from the loft during training.

In 1960 a kit of my own was doing very well in training and I would have sworn on oath that they had not defaulted. They had put in their regular appearances and their style of flying indicated no possible defect. You may understand my shock, when I found clay on their feet after such a training fly. They had been down, but except for the evidence of clay, I swear that no one would have known.

In an article, first published in the June 1998 F.T.A. Bulletin, I openly declared that I was not qualified to judge a kit of tipplers that had flown for 18 hours and terminating in about 3 hours of flying in the dark.

Then came an objection from our World champion Harry Shannon who flew 22 hours 5 minutes for his title. He gives evidence of really excellent refereeing in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and the district thereabouts. Evidence of relief referees, racing across trouble torn Belfast at night risking trouble from police and soldiers. Some such men were stopped and questioned by those heavily armed and often very nervous soldiers and police. All highly dangerous. Then Harry says that sometimes there were 8 pairs of eyes watching his kit in the dark, and probably for much of the day. In the light of such overwhelming evidence, I had to conceded that no better form of refereeing is possible and that I absolutely accept all records that are made in such locations. For in such locations, there is a hostile quality of refereeing and "spectator quarterbacking". Such locations are confined to just a few areas of Ireland, The Midlands of England and the North East of England with a possibility of a few more pockets. I can, however, give no details about these because no English Tippler man will write and tell us.

What I do know is that there has not been any hostile refereeing and spectator quarterbacking for about 20 years, in Sheffield.

A claim from Madras, India, is that one pigeon is flown in contests that are over 5 consecutive days. That 5 day total has added up to more that 40 hours and the ground temperature in Madras at that time was over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Now this is a staggering result. Just the one pigeon and the champion is Mr Murugesh of Madras district. Refereeing? - This remarkable man has provided me with evidence that there is intense interest and supervision, equal to that of Belfast and England. I have had to accept this and I do firmly believe what the Indians report.

Readers who have seen the N.T.U Newsletters will see evidence of refereeing that is not up to such a high standard in the more isolated areas of Britain, outside of the hot bed areas. Predictably, this had led to a great deal of trouble when and if a really good time has been recorded and which includes considerable dark flying.

Such claimants can expect hostility, criticism, fault finding errands and complaints about doubtful capabilities of their referees. For such are no match for the supervision carried out in these hot bed districts. I have said that I could not referee on my own for well over 18 hours and with 3 hours of dark flying. It would not be fair.

*Jack Prescott.*

## The Letters from Harry.

During June, 1998, I deliberately launched a campaign to get Harry Shannon to write and tell me things that I wanted to know. Any conversationalist will tell us that the way to provoke discussion is to make a few sweeping remarks. I did this and the result was that "Our Harry" took the bait and responded.

A concluding sentence in one of Harry's letters says "Jack, you have certainly found a way to get me motivated, haven't you?"

Well, that says it all. You see Harry does no like to write and a letter from Harry is rather like finding a pearl in an oyster. Nevertheless, I found a way as I usually do. Harry tells me about the days in the late 1940's when there were 8 or 9 Irish Clubs, mostly around the Catholic Falls Road Area and the Shankill Road Area of Belfast Northern Ireland. These two distinct areas separated the Catholics from the Protestants. The two populations had a long-standing mistrust of each other, and I reckon that they had a mutual hatred. This mistrust even extended into the Tippler sport in those days. However, I am very pleased to see that some degree of absence of sectarianism prevails now. The make up of the Irish Tippler fraternity is about 50% Catholic and 50% Protestant. But, you see, we English have never understood the trouble. We English are notoriously devoid of religious enthusiasm and are not given to very much church going.

I have known a lot of tippler men, racing pigeon men, show pigeon men and neighbours, but it has not occurred to me, to ask them if they are Catholic or Protestant. In the words of Clark Gable "FRANKLY MY DEAR, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN."

Looking at these recent letters and the ones from earlier dates, it is quite plain that Harry has to endure a fail rate. Not all of his young ones respond. Now, after years of selective breading and such vast experience, one would think that all of Harry's young ones would respond and conform. Reasons for such failures are unknown, but in a hawk infested area such as Harry's, one is lucky to avoid losses, not only from kills, but due to specimens being frightened and chased right out of the area, to be lost forever. However, Harry has a fail rate and he has to maintain his standards and the ongoing evolution of his stock. This is the main reason why the best of British Tipplers, exported to the USA and Canada have not achieved the times that could be expected, YET. Every youngster that is fledged, from these valuable imports is regarded as a potential champion and propagator of the originators ideals. It is clear that Harry does not entirely go along with that. I am certain, that he will tell you that there is work to be done. With the best of stock it is never easy, with inferior stock it is impossible.

*Jack Prescott.*

## A Letter from Harry.

Harry Shannon of Lisburn, in the Belfast area of Northern Ireland, is the top man with Tipplers. I have tried very hard to get him to write to me and i have succeeded. June, 1998 - I exchanged several letters with Harry and the information contained will in time be assembled, by me and written up for my fellow members, or readers, in the 3 US clubs.

On the subject of nocturnal vision, about which I have written extensively, Harry was inclined to disagree that pigeons nocturnal vision was inferior to that of humans. My own evidence was based on experiences of vulnerability in the dark, when pigeons can be taken off the loft top, by cats, or foxes, or kids.

Losses of pigeons that disappeared into the night, are quite staggering and any pigeon that is not safely inside, when the night comes, is a t serious risk. Dark time flying often results in extreme nervousness and reluctance to drop to the actual loft top. The use of droppers and lighting becomes essential, but even so, it is not always easy to get the kit down from a dark sky. I found, as many people did, that if the droppers remain still, the kit doesn't seem to see them. However, if such droppers are caused to flutter, then the kit clearly responds, even if the kit does not drop so quickly. The one hour allowance is all too often not enough and this calls for disqualification. This seems to prove my point that their eye sight is not as good as my own in the dark.

However, Harry has some very interesting comments. He deplores the strains, or individuals, that become so nervous at night that they will drop anywhere but on the loft, even into the trees. Such as these, he says, are quite useless. However, with selective breeding, Harry says, a more efficient type can be produced in a sort of accelerated form of evolution, as long as such specimens are used as dark flyers in all of the subsequent generations.

He goes on to give me examples of excellent results and uncanny, but obviously good nocturnal vision, even with young trainees. Harry has heard the kit overhead, but has been unable to see them. Their clapping, recognition signals, indicated that they had seen their master, even though he could not see them.

I fully accept this because I have had similar experiences, but I am also aware that such pigeons have a certain magnetic pull to the loft area, not just vision. The old timers used to say that they were on the elastics at night. A sort of elastic, long lead that kept them in check. I suppose that the direction finding instinct of pigeons is a sense that human beings do not have. Therefore, it is not just a case of flying by eyesight, it also involves a certain sense that pigeons have and we do not. Oh!, but how often this elastic breaks! How many thousands of pigeons get lost, even those pigeons that are bred for racing home and their special navigational abilities. But, of course, Harry is right - it is possible to create strains that do excel in the dark if they are trained to do so, notwithstanding the culls.

He points to the fact that I never really flew deliberately in the dark. Such dark flying that I did was unintentional, but I found that I was doing it an awful lot, whether I liked it or not. The difference between Harry and myself is that he pushed his pigeons to fly for some hours in the dark. Me? - I found my own pigeons flying after darkness and was only concerned in getting them down and inside as soon as possible. A caper that extended well into the night, not to my delight, but to my own discomfort and rage.

Like Harry, gradually and with selective breeding, I produced pigeons that had the capabilities to fly and home in the dark, but only as long as they were used for that purpose. Pigeons do inherit a lot of things when selectively bred for those things. Nevertheless, I am sure that there are some failures and that unless such selective pressures and such uses are kept up, then the strain will deteriorate very fast. This is to say that a consignment of Irish delights or something else of great reputation, is the best material possible. However, there is work to be done with such valuable foundation birds and one must follow the way of Harry.

I certainly would obey instructions from Harry, if I accepted his birds. You see, he is not a believer in pedigrees, he is not holding on to the shirt tails of some long dead fancier. Harry's Tipplers are his own. He has said that he mates the best to his best and I know that he does not go loft hopping, chopping and changing. Even with the very best stock, a man will finish up with a loft full of **paper tigers**, as the Chinese say, unless he works them and selects them as their creator did and still does.

From these June letters, I have had to concede several points to Harry, but the main thing is that he has provided scope for several articles for the future.

*Jack Prescott.*

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## Another Letter from Harry.

Again, I refer to the cultivated system by which I inspired our excellent friend Harry Shannon to write to me in June, 1998. SUBJECT - The transportation of eggs. It seems that Harry has exported Tipplers and eggs. He has also had eggs sent over from Canada and reports a 100% hatch rate from those eggs. Two Canadians mentioned - KEMO BASIC AND OSKAR ZOVICH. Details about packing will have to come from them, unless I can get Harry to explain. I've tried one trick to get Harry to write but will the same trick work twice? The surprise to me is that such eggs are said to be best transported over long distances at the stage when the eggs are within about 5 days of hatching. Harry says that he is going to send his fourth round of eggs to the lads out there in Canada. He goes onto express his respects for Kemo and Oskar. He describes both men as good bird men. The accepted conclusion is that conditions in Britain are far superior to those in Canada, even though, geographically, Britain and South Canada are on similar latitudes. This is a matter for serious conjecture. I suspect that the hot bed enthusiasm has no equal counterpart in Canada or the USA. The spur to extremism is in the pressure and competition from hostile or critical quarterbacking. No man knows what he can do until he is pushed. ASK ANY WOMAN - OK?

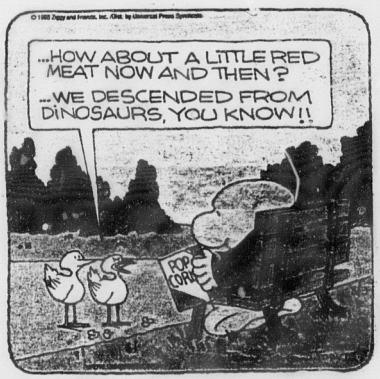
Reference Egg transport - I have received new laid eggs in the ordinary mail from London to Sheffield, mailed at 6.00pm they arrived at 8.00am on the next day with excellent hatch results and my planned fostering worked extremely well.

So, I had to be crafty in order to get Harry to write. He is wise to me now, isn't he? What will I do next? I will think of something....

*Jack Prescott.*



"You're spending way too much time with that bird."



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MED BELL—SOUTH WALES, Great Britain.

Hello Mr. Russo, SPORT FRIENDS.

I hope that you and your good lady wife and family are fit and well, and the best of luck on your flying. Would you be so kind and print my letter below one for your bulletin, and would you print this same letter in the Tippler
Special issue of the P-D, magazine. Enclosed are some photos of my loft. I would like to have my photos in your bulletin and the P-D magazine if possible.

I would like to thank Mr. Joe Russo- for sending me your monthly bulletin. I must say-" it is very interesting", thanks again. I would like to thank Mr. Gerry O'Rourke for writing to me in the past, it was very nice of him to do so.

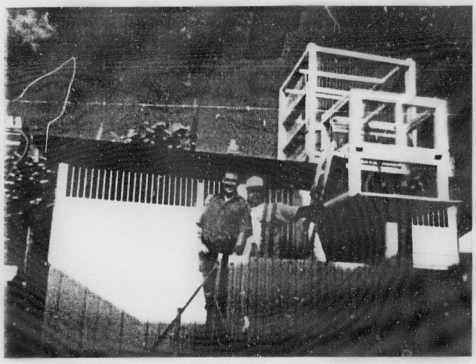
I wish all the members of the F.T.A. of U.S.A. the best of luck on their flying. I have a few good young Tipplers going cut so I am hoping for some good flying times. I have had Tipplers now for nine years now.
I must say-" they are great to keep". I have been to Germany and went to the A.G.M. of the D.F.U. in 1995 their members are also a fine bunch of lads as well. I am a member of the N.T.U. of Great Britain and also a member of the BRYNHFRYD Tippler Club of SOUTH WALES.

Well thank you again Mr. Russo, I send my kindest regards to all the members of the F.T.A.

Yours truly, MED BELL.

P.S. I would like to write to a Tippler man in MIAMI FLORIDA if at all possible. If you can put me in touch with some one Mr. Russo it would be most appreciated. Thanks again.

MY LOFT-I AM THE ONE WITH THE CAP ON AND MY GOOD FRIEND RAY TIFT IS ON MY LEFT. RAY IS A WELL KNOWN TIPPLER MAN FROM WALSALL W-MID



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# WORMS IN PIGEONS

I have been asked by the NPA Management Committee to write a series of articles for your 'fancy' magazine the 'Feathered World' since unlike many veterinarians in this country I have developed a special interest in pigeons and readers of 'The Homing World' may well be familiar with my twice monthly 'Veterinary Corner'. Whilst the demands put on the show pigeon are very different from those expected of the racing homer, I think we can be safe assuming that the two types of pigeon suffer from very similar ailments and diseases. If the show pigeon fraternity share the same characteristics as the racing boys then I feel sure you will find the information I provide interesting, if not contentious and I would welcome any phone calls to discuss problems if you feel this might be of assistance. Please try me on 01924 462449 but be patient, I might be out!

So, I have eight articles to write and this is the first.



*By DAVID PALMER*

## *PIGEONS ARE HOSTS TO TAPEWORMS AND ROUNDWORMS*

## Tapeworms

The presence of tapeworms is detected in the living bird by noticing small off-white or creamy segments about the size of a grain of rice in the bird's droppings.

These segments are merely the end segments off the tapeworm which is still firmly attached inside the bird's gut. These segments are crammed full of tapeworm eggs, which must find their way into the intermediate host of the tapeworm before being eaten by the bird to complete the cycle of infection. There are several species of tapeworm, each with its own intermediate host, but you can be safe assuming that any invertebrate life form, eg snail, slug, fly, beetle, ant will pose a risk.

It really is one of the wonders of nature that every higher life form has its own species of tapeworm which is specifically designed to spend half its life cycle in another creature that is at some stage going to be swallowed by that higher life form. This we have dogs and cats eating fleas, foxes eating rabbits, humans eating pigs and cattle, horses eating pasture mites, dogs eating sheep and even polar bears eating fish.

The actual clinical significance of tapeworm infection in show pigeons is debatable but I think most of you would prefer not to be feeding tapeworms along with your birds. Control of the problem obviously depends on preventing access to the intermediate host or preventing access of the intermediate host to the pigeon droppings.

The treatment with drugs to remove tapeworm requires a very specific cat tapewormer, which since no product is licensed against tapeworm in pigeons is only available from a vet. Do not be tempted to eliminate all the local slugs with slug pellets since these pellets are attractive to pigeons, being cereal based, and are highly toxic if eaten either inside a dead slug or off the flower bed!

**Roundworms** are of much greater significance to pigeons. You can be pretty sure your pigeon has roundworms unless of course you have just wormed it. The level of infestation can be assessed by actually counting the worm eggs in a dropping sample under a microscope. Such a diagnostic technique is often performed by the pigeon owner, but is easily and inexpensively arranged by a commercial laboratory (several of which advertise in the B.H.W. and other fancy press papers.) It is debatable whether or not you need to confirm this diagnosis since it really would be quite remarkable if the birds were free of a worm burden. It might also be suggested that a show pigeon should be able to tolerate a mild worm burden and be able to keep the situation under control with its own immune system. The opposite argument would of course think that any class of animal or bird would look better and perform to a higher standard if it wasn't carrying any roundworm burden.

There are two classes of round worm that ought to receive your consideration in the British pigeon.

(1) Ascarids (large roundworms)
(2) Capillaria (hair worms)

## Ascarid

The ascarid worm is known as the large roundworm as it can be up to 3 inches long and may be seen in the droppings, especially after a worming dose. It undergoes what is known as a direct life-cycle, which means the adult worms in the bird's gut lay eggs which are passed out and after a period of maturation (at least 14 days) are eaten by another bird to set up a new infection (compare this with the tapeworms, which have an indirect life-cycle, as the eggs need to pass via the intermediate host of slug, snail or insect before starting a new infection).

These eggs, passed in the droppings, are microscopic and consequently not seen with the naked eye.

The eggs are also incredibly resistant to external influences like freezing, drying and disinfection and will remain viable on the floor for many months. Since between being passed out of the bird and maturing to an infective stage on the floor takes about fourteen days, it follows that if all the droppings are cleared by thorough scraping at least weekly it cannot be possible for ascarid eggs to be passed on. We, of course, do not live in this ideal world where eggs don't get scraped down cracks and into corners. Many people give their floors a regular blow-lamping and provided the eggs aren't being protected by a coating of dried droppings, this is effective at killing the eggs.

There is no shortage of effective wormers on the market and despite desirable hygiene there is bound to be some worms that sneak through your defences, so six monthly worming routine is often regarded as necessary. Pigeons can be wormed by tablets or capsule eg 'panacur','spartakon' 'avicas' or by water medication, eg 'biozine'. A vet. might be inclined to give water medication with levamisole or ivermectin since these wormers are highly effective but are restricted to vets' use only since the water miscible preparations have to be used 'off licence'.

Ascarids do not have sufficient time to start producing eggs before about six weeks of age and so weaners of about this age will show no eggs (under the microscope) and yet may have a large burden of immature worms inside their guts just waiting to mature and cause trouble.

## Hairworms

The Latin name for hairworms is capillaria and these are much smaller and much more common than ascarids. They are rarely seen in droppings and even at post-mortem they are easily missed being no thicker than a cotton thread and only an inch or so long. They are the most significant of pigeon worms and however clean you keep your loft, this internal parasite will be present in a good percentage of your birds. The life cycle of all but one species of hair worm is direct and this means that worm eggs are passed out with the birds' droppings on to the floor and need to undergo a period of maturation of approx one week before being capable of initiating a new infection in the bird that inadvertently swallows the egg. The one capillaria that has an indirect life-cycle utilises the common earthworm as its intermediate host and I have come across a lady who was worming her birds until 'blue in the face' and said her floors were so clean her husband could eat his tea off them, but after the full inquisition she admitted the birds 'fielded' and consequently ate earthworms and quickly reinfested themselves. It was quite a relief really as she was ready to pronounce levamisole as ineffective. Diagnosis in the live bird is made by noticing the distinctive bipolar lemon shaped eggs in a dropping sample looked at under a microscope.

The modern wormers of levamisole ('spartakon'), fenbendazole ('panacur granules') and ivermectin (unlicensed in pigeons) are all readily available for pigeons and it is recommended they are used routinely – at least twice a year especially if your loft floor is not kept spotless!

The clinical significance of hairworm will obviously depend on the degree of infection, age of the bird and also on the strength of the individual affected. A light infection will cause at least a mild mucoid diarrhoea (green and sticky) but a more significant infection may cause anaemia (the worms suck blood), weight loss and severe debility. It is possible for the guts to block completely with a massive infestation of ascarids or hairworm and penetration of the gut wall with resultant peritonitis and death has been reported.

## Conclusion

So we must all assume that like every other warm-blooded domestic animal, pigeons will have worms despite our best efforts to provide living conditions that are unfavourable for worm survival. Our defence against worms must include regular and effective removal of droppings, maintenance of dry floors (worm eggs, bacteria, viruses and coccidial oocysts all survive longer in warm, damp conditions) and regular worming routine if the debilitating effects of a worm burden are to be minimised.

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*Next month DAVID PALMER discusses Coccidiosis and offers advice on how to combat what many fanciers regard as the scourge of the pigeon fancy.*

# COCCIDIOSIS

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**I hope you enjoyed my article on worms in the last issue. This week I am going to tell you about another certainty found in all living pigeons. I am sure all pigeon owners are aware of the disease caused by coccidial infection which is variously called 'going light' or 'coxy'**



*By*
*DAVID PALMER*

## The cause

Coccidiosis is a disease of the intestine caused by a protozoal organism.

Coccidiosis is a disease common to many species of animal, eg pigs, calves, dogs, sheep and particularly chickens and turkeys. Coccidiosis is so rife in broiler chickens that drugs are automatically included in the rations, to keep coccidial infection to a minimum and thus allow optimum growth rate. Pigeons are luckier than broilers in that they are only host to two species of coccidia which are clinically similar whereas chickens have many more species, each of which attacks a different portion of gut and thus has a different clinical significance. In other species coccidia are a cause of diarrhoea but the treatment for coccidiosis is somewhat different than that for bacterial enteritis and consequently a definitive diagnosis is needed if coccidiosis is going to be treated effectively.

Each animal is host to its own variety of coccidia and there is no inter-species exchange. Thus dog muck, calf diarrhoea, duck droppings or chicken mess pose no risk to pigeons as far as cocci. is concerned.

## The life cycle and Disease

Let's start with a bird eating an oocyst which has been passed in the droppings from an infected bird.

Within a day this oocyst can rupture and release many sporozoites, each of which enters a cell lining the intestine. These sporozoites divide and multiply within the cell and cause further rupture and release of more merozoites (very similar to sporozoites) which invade yet more gut wall cells. It is this fast damage done to the gut lining (one ingested oocyst can produce in excess of 2 million merozoites in 24 hrs.) that is responsible for the acute and severe diarrhoea seen in young birds. The presence of a partially damaged gut wall means that absorption of digested nutrients is impaired and the gut wall barrier to infection, eg salmonella and e.coli is compromised.

After a few days of this multiplying and invading the gut wall cells the coccidia decide to get down to sexual multiplication, and this results in oocysts being passed out in the droppings.

These oocysts are characteristic to look at down the microscope being thick walled, spherical and unlike air bubbles, containing a granular material. Like worm eggs they are extremely resistant to drying, freezing, and certain disinfectants, and as a consequence they can survive on the ground for many months and possibly years. A warm, moist environment encourages the survival of oocysts as well as that of worm eggs, trichomonads (canker), bacteria and viruses. Under ideal conditions a voided oocyst can initiate a new infection when eaten after only three days on the floor.

Since the infection of coccidiosis is spread by infected birds passing out oocysts in their droppings and these oocysts mature to infective oocystsin about three days and their survival is encouraged by damp or wet conditions it is essential that floors are scraped clean at least every two days and spilt water is not allowed to stand around or droppings are prevented from contaminating drinkers and feeding troughs. Just remember that cleanliness is next to Godliness and so are pigeons!

Having suggested that all pigeons will have a certain degree of coccidiosis, why is it that they don't show it and do we need to do anything about it?

The nastiest form of coccidiosis affects young birds at the weaning stage. Here the youngsters are going through a stressful time, temporarily deprived of sustenance and with an immature immune system that is not fully competent at fighting off the challenge of coccidiosis that has inadvertently been provided by the parents. The invading sporozoites and merozoites destroy the lining of the gut wall and consequently prevent the efficient absorption of nutrients, allow the invasion into the blood stream and hence major organs of gut bacteria like e.coli and salmonella, cause tissue damage and hence bleeding, cause gut wall irritation and hence mucous production, no doubt gut pain. All in all this results in a very poorly bird that loses weight (goes light) and passes loose droppings that are probably slimy (full of mucous) and possibly blood stained. A situation that needs to be avoided!

Older birds seem to possess a certain amount of immunity to coccidial infection as a consequence of their age, but almost certainly any degree of coccidial infection will be causing damage to the gut lining and of course these 'immune' older birds will act as a reservoir of infection for any bird that hasn't attained this age immunity or is perhaps immune incompetent for some other reason. The gut damage will perhaps be so minimal as to allow the birds to appear and perform as normal but who knows what is going on inside? At the very least this bird will be expending energy in combating the potential disease hazard and this energy would surely be better employed elsewhere?

So I hope you have all realised that you need to be thinking about the possibility of coccidiosis in your flock and as is usual with disease situations the healthiest type of control is based on prevention and only when this has failed should we go onto therapeutic (drug) control.

## Prevention

As I have already stated, food should be maintained free from droppings and dry, floors should be kept clean by scraping at least every three days and it is essential that wet patches are avoided. Drinking troughs should be designed so that they cannot be soiled by droppings or else the water should be changed frequently. Of course the overall stocking level should be kept to sensible levels to minimise stress and reduce the possibilities of cross contamination (one bird per half a cubic yard is suitable for non-performance pigeons.)

## Treatment

There are many effective and suitable products available for treating pigeons with coccidiosis. Many of the products are those used effectively in other species and consequently have not been licensed for use in pigeons and this fact means that only a vet. is permitted to prescribe them to a species that is 'off licence'. There are many products suitably effective and officially licensed for treatment of coccidiosis in pigeons and available from non-veterinary sources and either as a tablet for one day (appertex-Harkers) or perhaps as drinking water treatment (coxoid-Harkers) but as a vet. I obviously have no restrictions put on what I can dispense and so compromise on grounds of convenience, availability, cost and of course effectiveness.

My personal preference is sulphadimidine which is put in the drinking water for five days as a preventative routine or three days on, three days off, three days on as a treatment. The commonest form of sulphadimidine used to be sold under the trade name of 'sulphamezathine' but this is no longer in the market place. The important ingredient is of course the sulphadimidine and this is still readily available from your vet. on prescription as 'Vesadin', 'Sulfoxine 333', 'Bimadine', or 'Intradine'. Do also remember that a vet. when prescribing any licensed product will need to examine the bird prior to the prescription. This rule is a statutory requirement of being a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and is not some personal scheme dreamed up by your vet. in an attempt to justify charging you a consultation fee. Other drugs used successfully in poultry and transferred effectively to pigeons include 'Baycox' but I still keep faith with the old favourite of sulphadimidine since it is always effective, has a popular reputation and also has a useful effect against the secondary bacteria that frequently complicate a case of Coccidiosis.

When faced with a case of pigeon diarrhoea that has been diagnosed as coccidiosis and hasn't responded to a previously tried and tested treatment for coccidiosis I automatically look for other reasons for the drug failure other than the reason that most commonly springs to the mind of the fancier, which usually is drug resistance. My prime suspicion is a mis-diagnosis and therefore a wrong prescription. The drugs that are effective against coccidia are very specific so coccidiosis will not respond to antibiotics, canker treatment or wormers. Similarly there are many different causes of diarrhoea in pigeons. Worms, bacteria, viruses, diet, poisons and moulds need to be thought about as all these need specific treatment, just like coccidiosis.

## Conclusion

So, as with my last article about worms, we can come to a very similar conclusion and despite the risk of being boring and repeating myself I will (if I can keep the Women's Institute interested for twenty minutes with a talk about pigeon diarrhoea I should manage you lot!)

If the loft is kept uncrowded, dry and scraped clean at least every other day and there are no nooks and crannies to hide droppings, you should be able to rely on your non-performance birds keeping their level of coccidial infection down at an acceptable level.

If you fail in these areas (and who isn't likely to) then there is always a wide variety of highly effective medicines to fall back on.

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series II - May 9/10

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Oskar Zovich - 15:15
1st Place Ribbon & Diploma

OTU97-198 Black Check, OTU97-199 Black w/White Flights, OTU97-1457 Blue Grizzle, OTU97-1471 Bronze Grizzle, FTA97-2321 Opal and FTA97-2328 Opal. All cocks released at 500AM and Lights and Tumblers at 815PM. Two birds down at 816PM, 1 at 817PM and 3 down at 819PM with last bird in trap at 821PM. Witnessed by Tom Rankin 5AM to Noon and then Dan Kinnear Noon til 830PM.

WEATHER:

Start with Overcast, from 7AM to end rain. 45-55 Degrees. Barometer 29.05 - Winds at 4MPH and Humidity 94-100%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew extremely well. The weather was just terrible - rainy and no wind. It was a very bad day for flying.

Joe Russo = (12:00)

2nd Place Ribbon and Diploma

ATU94-28 Cock Black Check, FTA96-156 Hen Blue Bar and FTA97-34 Cock Red Mottle All released at 545AM and Droppers out at 545PM and all down together at 545PM with last bird in trap at 601PM.

Witnessed by Clarence Williams, Sec/Treas. of ATU

WEATHER:

Heavy Rain. 54 to 62 Degrees. Barometer 29.64S. Winds NE at 16-30MPH and Humidty at 93%. Sunrise at541AM and Sunset at 756PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

(Amazing Fly). Heavy rain, winds to 30MPH. Storm conditions all 12 hours of the fly. It was a rough day for the birds. Flyer and Timer had to check the birds every 10 minutes, the weather was so bad. The birds stayed close and low so they were easy to see from tthe sliding glass door, and you just had to step into the backyard and they were right above the house.

HONOR SYSTEM

Harry J. Smith - 10:17
1st Place Ribbon and Diploma

OTU96-1321 Cock Grizzle, FTA97-2221 Cock Grizzle and FTA97-2238 Cock Indigo All released at 555AM and Fantail Droppers thrown at 412PM. One down at 415PM and the other two at 420PM with last bird in trap at 423PM.

WEATHER:

Fair, 12-21 Degrees C, Barometer 101.50. Winds moderate and variable and Humidity at 60%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew well. I was more tired than the birds!

J. O'Rourke - (DQ)

FTA97-292 Cock Black Velvet. FTA97-282 Cock Black Velvet and FTA98-501 Cock Light Print. All released at 550AM and birds all down at 1055AM. Disqualified at the 5:05 mark because birds not trapped within hour.

WEATHER:

Cloudy, rainy. 55-60 Degrees. Barometer 29.59. Winds from NE at 20MPH and Humidity 100%. Sunrise at 528AM and Sunset at 754PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Should not have even attempted a fly in this weather. It was the better of the two days and it wasn't supposed to rain quite so heavy as it did. Last bird trapped 20 minutes too late.

Stan Ogozalek - (DQ)

FTA97-503 Hen Blue, FTA97-523 Hen Blue, FTA97-540 Hen Blue, FTA97-513 Cock Blue and FTA97-544 Cock Blue. All released at 600AM. Disqualified at the 10:45 mark because one bird missing at 445PM due to Falcon attack.

WEATHER:

Overcast. 55-65 Degrees. Winds 10-15 MPH and rainy. Sunrise at 543AM and Sunset at 800PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Kit flew through the rain, heavy at times up until 445PM when one bird dropped away due to Falcon attack. Falcon's second attack pushed kit into the safety or trees. Two birds' tail feathers gone, no inuuries. Kit flew exceptionally well in rain!

Ron Sloan - (DQ)

Note from Central Timer: - Ron sent in his report, but it was not filled out except his comments as follows:

FLYER's COMMENTS:

Three birds up at 630AM. One down at 130PM. Another at 530PM and Hawk took the other. Last week lost ½ my young fly team. Perhaps I cannot fly this Summer.

No other entrants.

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THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Spring Series III - May 23/24

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Joe Russo - DQ

ATU94-28 Cock Black Check FTA96-156 Hen Blue Bar and FTA97-34 Cock Red Mottle all released at 458AM. Disqualified because birds split for more than a hour and were out of sight all that time.
Timed by John Nicholas Hayes.

WEATHER:

Clear. 57-75 Degrees. Barometer 29.94S Winds NW at 14MPH and Humidity at 62%. Sunrise at 528AM and Sunset at 809PM

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I did not see it, but I believe a Hawk or Falcon must have split kit with two birds going down or out of area.

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HONOR SYSTEM

Stan Ogozalek - 06:20
1st Place Blue Ribbon

FTA97-503 Hen, FTA97-513 Cock, FTA97-540 Hen and FTA97-544 Cock all release at 512AM and Droppers released at 11:32AM. Birds down at 1202PM and 1215PM with last bird in trap at 12:25PM.

WEATHER:

Clear. 70-88 Degrees and winds 0-5 MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

No wind,Heat and direct sun equals low time. Kit missed training fly during week.

Jerry O'Rourke - 05:26
2nd Place Red Ribbon

FTA97-292 Cock Black Velvet. FTA97-286 Cock Black Velvet. FTA98-503 Cock Lt. Print all released at 730AM and two down at 1256PM and one at 115PM. Last bird in trap at 135PM. Witnessed by Tom O'Rourke

WEATHER:

Clear, sunny. 70-80 Degrees. Barometer 29.84S. Winds from NW at 15MPH and Humidity 29%. Sunrise 514AM and Sunset at 806PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Very warm day and birds dropped out to come down to Loft and chase hens..

No other entrants.

Supplement to Spring Series III Fly 5/24/98

(Both Reports postmarked properly on 5/25, but not received by me until June 2nd. Spring Series III Report filed and awards already mailed on June 2nd prior to receipt of these two Reports. Based on these two Reports, Oskar Zovich is the winner of the Official System fly and Harry J. Smith is the winner of the Honor System fly. New Ribbons will be mailed to Oskar and Harry. The other flyers may keep the Ribbons already awarded to them. There were no Ribbons awarded in the Official System prior to this Report.)

In the future, I will wait ten days after each fly before filing Report.

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Oskar Zovich - 17:06

OTU97-187 Blue Bar. OTU97-189 Opal. OTU97-1462 Andalusian. OTU97-1458 Grizzle Bar and FTA97-2197 Mottle. Five hens released at 444AM and Lights and Tumblers at 950PM. One down at 956PM, one at 957, two at 958 and last bird at 1007PM with last bird in trap at 1010PM. Timed by Dan Kinnear from 444AM to 1230PM and by Tom Rankin from 1200PM to end.

WEATHER:

Clear-cloudy. 12-25 C, Winds ESE 0-5MPH, Humidity 46% to 75%. Barometer at 101.65.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Poor flying conditions all day. One bird split, regrouped immediately AT 17:06, flyer moved to put lights on and droppers out.

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HONOR SYSTEM

Harry J. Smith 11:35

FTA97-2221 Grizzle. FTA97-2238 Indigo and OTU96-1321 Grizzle. Three cocks released at 525AM and all down together at 500PM. Last bird in trap at 504PM. Witnessed by Oxkar Zovich.

WEATHER:

Clear. 7-20C. Winds variable.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

They looked good all day. Then they suddenly quit! However, it is my fault as my training is not up to par

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series I - June 6/7

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Kemo Basic - 16:06

1st Place Ribbon & Diploma

FTA98-1261 Blue cock, FTA98-1274 Dun Hen and FTA98-1273 Silver Cock all released at 437AM and Droppers out at 843PM. 1st bird down at 850PM, 2nd at 855PM and third bird down at 857PM with last bird in trap at 915PM. Timed by David Dean and witnessed by Wally Wiechec and Harry Smith and Bobby Dunseth from Ireland.

WEATHER:

Clear to Cloudy, 60 Degrees. Barometer 102.5. Winds from N at 10MPH and low Humidity. Sunrise at 536AM and Sunset at 856PM.

COMMENTS FROM TIMER DAVID DEAN:

Congratulations Kemo. It was a long day, but I was waiting for this day and I am very happy that you got the record. Anyways, you, your family and your Irish Delights deserve it all.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

I add my congratulations to you also, Kemo. To all our members, this is a new Young Bird record. Really wonderful job.

Joe Russo - (DQ)

ATU95-66 Silver, ATU95-67 Yellow Mottle and FTA96-156 Blue Bar. All hens released at 440AM and Droppers tossed at 805PM. 1st bird down at 833PM and the two others did not come down. Timed by Clarence Williams, Secretary of ATU from 430AM to 1PM and by John Hayes from 1PM to 905PM. Disqualified because unable to drop and trap within hour.

WEATHER:

Mostly sunny. 60-75 Degrees. Barometer 29.81R. Winds NW at 14MPH and Humidity at 46%. Sunrise 521AM and Sunset at 821PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

After losing my kit birds and all my youngsters to Hawks, I took these 3 Hens which I have bred this year out of my Breeding Loft. They still remembered how to fly, but 2 did not remember how to land on time. They were back on the Loft at 8AM Sunday morning.

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Oskar Zovich - (DQ)

OTU97-199 Black w/W.Flights, OTU97-198 Black Checker, OTU97-1460 Almond,OTU97-1457 Grizzle, OTU97-1471 Grizzle, FTA97-2328 Opal and FTA97-2321 Opal. All cocks released at 436AM and Lights and Droppers out at 10:15PM. No. 2328 down at 1020PM, 1457 at 1023PM, 2321 at 1025PM, 1460 at 1030PM. 1471 and 198 at 1035PM and 199 at 1037PM. Last bird in trap at 1040PM. Although this was a 17:39 minute fly, it was disqualified by the flyer because it was supposed to be an Official fly and Timer could not make it. It was, however, witnessed most of the day by Walter Wiechec, Emilio Colosimo and Bobby Dunseth from Ireland.

WEATHER:
Overcast, 9C - 18C, Barometer 101.65. Winds WNW 5-15Km and Humidity 75%-40%. Sunrise at 536AM and Sunset at 856PM.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
A very good day to fly pigeons. Unfortunately, I could not secure timer early in the morning so I decided to put them out anyway and take disqualification (never flew Honor.)

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Stan Ogozalek - 14:01
1st Place Ribbon & Diploma

FTA98-107.119,137,143,144,1107 and 1125. All Blues and all released at 505AM with Droppers out at 706PM. 5 down at 720PM and 2 at 725PM with last bird in trap at 746PM.
WEATHER:
Partial cludy. 55-70 Degrees. Winds from NW at 10-15MPH. Sunrise 525AM and Sunset at 825PM.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Excellent day, cool- wind- cloudy equals 14:01 hours. Good style, kit of 7 held on to the end. A record fly for me.

Harry J. Smith - 10:45
2nd Place Ribbon & Diploma

CNTU98-603 White, CNTU98-605 White, CNTU98-614 Red, CNTU98-612 Yellow, CNTU98--609 Red, CNTU98-613 Grizzle, CNTU98-608 Grizzle and CNTU98-602 Print. All released at 520AM and Fantail Droppers out at 405PM. All came down together at 409PM with last bird in trap at 413PM. Witnessed by Oskar Zovich and Kemo Basic.
WEATHER:
Clear in AM and cloudy in PM. 40-55 Degrees. Winds from NW and Brisk. Sunrise at 535AM and Sunser at 847PM.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds flew well all day. One showed fatigue so Droppers thrown. It was an ideal fly day.

Bela Kiss - 10:19
3rd Place Ribbon & Diploma

FTA98-517 Blue Grizzle Cock, FTA98-527 Black Mottle Cock, FTA98-506 Blue Print Cock, FTA98-533 Red Mottle Hen, FTA98-519 Lt Print Hen and FTA98-529 Bronze Mottle Hen. All released at 520AM and all down together at 339PM with last bird in trap at 347PM.
WEATHER:
Sunny to Cloudy. 54-64 Degrees. Barometer 29.64R. Winds from NW at 7MPH and Humidity 61%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds flew exceptionally well. Medium to high flying all day.

Jerry O'Rourke - (DQ)

FTA97-292 Black Cock, FTA97-286 Black Cock, FTA98-503 Lt. Print Cock, FTA98-565 Red, FTA98-590 Red and FTA98-594 Blue Bar. All released at 540AM and one dropped out at 1PM and rest flew on . I put Droppers out at 450PM and the remaining 5 came down at 455PM. Disqualified because did not trap with the hour.

WEATHER:

Sunny to cloudy. 58-68 Degrees. Barometer 29.65. Winds from NW breezy and Humidity at 64%. Sunrise 508AM and Sunset 812PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

I put up the wrong bird. FTA98-565 is the one that dropped out and it has never flown in a kit. I should have put up FTA98-570. Both are Reds and look alike. 570 is the bird that has been practicing with this kit for two weeks. What a bummmer!

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series II - June 20/21

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Oskar Zovich - 17:22

OTU97-1458 Grizzle, 1462 Andalusian, 187 Blue Bar, 189 Opal Bar. All hens released at 0437AM and Lights and Droppers at 959PM. 1st Bird down at 1003PM, 2nd at 1006PM, 3rd at 1008PM and 4th bird down at 1012PM with last bird in trap at 1015PM.

Timed by Dan Kinnear from 437AM to 1230PM and by Tom Rankin from 1200 to 1025PM. Also witnessed by Walter Wiechec.

WEATHER:

No cloud cover. 20-35C, Barometer 101.57. Winds 0-15 Km from SE and Humidity 51-80. Sunrise at 536AM and Sunset 903PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Birds flew well. Weather conditions poor for flying. Humidity very high heat. Falcon attacked the birds at 635AM. Luckily they got away - a difficult day to fly.

Joe Russo - DQ

ATU95-67 Yellow Mottle Hen, FTA96-156 Blue Bar Hen and FTA97-34 Red Mottle Cock. All released at 432AM and 1st bird down at 735AM, and other two at 805AM, birds did not trap within hour. Timed by Ed Mahlstadt, member of ATU and FTA. Disqualified because birds not trapped within hour.

WEATHER:

Patly cloudy. 69-88 Degrees. Barometer 29.75F. Winds ENE at 3 MPH and Humidity at 90%. Sunrise at 521AM and Sunset at 828PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Another "LONG DAY" on Long Island, NY - Hot, humid and no wind. This makes 10 years in a row.

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## HONOR SYSTEM

### Tim Kvidera - 16:00
1st Place Ribbon & Diploma

FTA98-816 Hen, FTA98-819 & 820 two Cocks, all Blue Bars, released at 439AM and White Russian Tumbler Droppers out at 839PM and all down together at 839PM with last bird in trap at 841PM.

WEATHER:
Clear to PC, 59-78 Debrees, Barometer 30.17. Winds from the East 5-20 MPH and Humidity 50-75%. Sunrise at 532AM and Sunset at 903PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Kit again raked beautifully throughout the fly and flew low most of the time. Hesitated briefly over Loft at 14 hours, but kept on going. At 16 hours they had enough and were coming down droppers or not. Weather was beautiful. They fly was great. Now if they would have just gone another half hour-----

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
Wonderful fly, Tim. This is good for 1st Place in this Series and 1st Place overall in YB overall Honor System.

### Stan Ogozalek - 10:42
2nd Place Ribbon & Diploma

FTA98-143, 144 and FTS98-1107, sex uncertain, all released at 502AM and Droppers out at 344PM and all birds down together at 347PM with last bird in trap at 355PM.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. 64-85 Degrees. Winds from NE at 5-10MPH. Humidity high.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Kit flew well and continued in heat and humidity. I thought that they would go the day, but 10:42 was all they'd do.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
Another good fly, Stan - good for 11th place in this Series.

### Bela Kiss - 09:42
3rd place Ribbon & Diploma

FTA98-505 Black Mottle Cock. FTA98-527 Black Mottle Cock., FTA98-517 Blue Grizzle Cock. FTA98-519 Lt. Blue Print Cock, FTA98-529 Bronze Mottle Hen, FTA98-533 Red Mottle Hen. FTA97-2540 Blue Bar Cock, FTA97-2544 Blue Grizzle Cock. FTA97-2116 Red Mottle Cock. FTA97-274 Blue Print Cock. FTA97-639 Blue Print Hen and FTA97-645 Blue Print Hen.
All released at 625AM and all down together at 407PM with last bird in trap at 427PM.

WEATHER:
Sunny, 55-73 Degrees. Barometer 30.16R Winds NNE at 7 MPH and Humidity at 40%. Sunrise at 513AM and Sunset at 818PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds flew very good height all day. I am very happy with their performance. It was a super fly for the 12 birds since they all are in different age groups.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
I had made arrangements to visit Bela this day to bring back some breeders he had lent me and to drop off some youngsters. I witnessed this fly for 4 hours. These birds were unbelievable. They flew at a height hard to describe, eye-straining might be a good word here. Not only that, but they flew this height all the time I was there and they only came down fairly low once and then went right back up in the thermals. They also flew very tight - great fly.

HONOR SYSTEM

Stan Ogozalek - 14:27

FTA98-137, 143, 144 and FTS98-1107. All Blue Bars and all hens released at 0458AM and Droppers out at 725PM. First bird down at 728PM and other three at 735PM with last bird in trap at 742PM.

WEATHER:
Clear, 65-88 Degrees, Winds at 10-15MPH from the Southeast. Sunrise at 525AM and Sunset at 831PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Thought it would be a short day for the kit. They fooled me by flying through the heat and humidity - no trouble to referee the kit - these 4 flew 14:01 two weeks ago. Nice fly.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
You have some great birds there, Stan. Very consistent. Nice job.

Tim Kvidera - 13:05

FTA96-816 Blue Bar Hen, FTA96-819 Blue Bar Cock and FTA96-820 Blue Bar Cock All released at 445AM and White Russian Tumbler Droppers out at 550PM. All came down together at 551PM with last bird in trap at 552PM.

WEATHER:
Clear then partly cloudy. 61-80 Degrees. Basrometer 29.76. Winds 5-25 MPH from West and Humidity 70-45%. Sunrise 526AM and Sunset at 903PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Kit raked beautifully whole fly, but wind mostly 20-25MPH kept them down pretty low. Had to keep reminding myself they were Hughes not Prisco's. At breakfast I said I would be happy if these younghsters did 8-10 hours, very pleased they went 10-12 hours and ecstatic they did 12-14 hours. Well, I had a great Father's Day. Called them down after 13 as this is only 5th time they have flown together and I did not want to burn them out. Watch out on 4th of July.

CENTPAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
Good to see you back on track, Tim. We look forward to a BIG BANG from you on the 4th of July. (Ouch!)

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Summer Series III - July 4/5

ANY AGE BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Kemo Basic - DQ

FTA98-1261 Blue Cock, FTA98-1274 Dun Hen and FTA98-1273 Silver Cock. All released at 443AM and dropping signal at 717PM. One bird down at 720PM and other two down at 905PM with last bird in trap at 905PM. Disqualified because not able to trap birds within one hour.
Timed by Stojanovic Mladen and witnessed by Courtney Daley, Thomas Rankin and David Dean.

WEATHER:
Clear. 70 Degrees. Barometer 102.5 Winds light from North and low Humidity.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
One bird flew 14:34 and the other two flew 16:22 (flew Record time twice.) One bird was not at its best, but I am happy.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:
And well you should be my friend. Even if DQ'd, it was a wonderful fly by your Irish birds.

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John Kleis, Sr- 06:08

FTA98-609,603,604,605,602 and 608. All light Prints released at 817AM and all down together on own accord at 225PM. Last bird in trap at 232PM.

WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. 64-76 Degrees. Winds 8-15MPH and dry Humidity.
Sunrise at 531AM and Sunset at 847PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Youngsters flew good - I am pleased with them.

CENTRAL TIMER'S COMMENTS:

Your birds do fly well, John. I can vouch for that. The youngsters you recently brought down to me flew for 10 hours one day and exceptionally high also. Beautiful birds.



LtoR: Kemo Basic and his Timer, David Dean.
OUR NEW NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG BIRD RECORD HOLDER WITH A TIME OF 16:06, SUMMER SERIES I, July 7, 1998, in the OFFICIAL SYSTEM.

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## C L A S S I F I E D S

### FOR SALE

Jack Prescott's book, "My Way with Pigeons." $10.00 cash. Write to: Jack Prescott, 6 Goore Avenue, Sheffield, S94GE, England

### FTA JACKET OF HAT PATCH

A beautiful 4" circumference patch depicting a Light Print Tippler on a Royal Blue background with FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA in white letters. Looks great on jacket or baseball cap. Write to : Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA. 02062

### FOR SALE

Lovatts. All colors. Great flyers. Contact Joe Russo, 640 6th Street, West Babylon, NY. 1-516-884-2553.

### IRISH IMPORTS

Have about 25 Irish YBs out of Harry Shannon imports. If anyone interested, originals on premises. Phone or write Ross Morden, 1089 Westmount Ave., Mississauga, Ontario, S5E-1X6.

### BUDAPEST HIGH FLYERS

Have some very good Budapest High Flyers for sale. Contact Milan Kobulsky, 3321 State Rd., Median, OH. 44256-9219. Tel. 1-216-239-2256.

## C L A S S I F I E D S

### SELLING OUT

Ron Sloan is selling out all his birds due to severe Hawk problems. Have one of Michael Beat's original 18:05 flyers plus 4 English cocks. Some other YBs for sale also. Contact Ron Sloan at 860-542-1671. E-Mail RSloan@SNET.NET

### FOR SALE

Budapest High Flyers and High Flying Tipplers, Lovatt Strain. Bela Kiss, P.O. Box 65, East Falmouth, MA. 02536 tel. 1-508-548-0147.

### FOR SALE

Due to health problems must sell my birds. Pure Lovatts from Ed Carlson' stock. Have about 20 YBs never flown Priced very reasonable. Ed Reardon, 85 Lacy Rd., Jaffrey, NH 03452. Tel. 1-603-532-7196

### FOR SALE

Tipplers for sale. High flyers. All Colors. Ten birds for $100.00 including shipping. Call Frank Saco at 1-616-258-9085 between 9PM to 1030PM.

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FTA BULLETIN

December, 1998

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**December, 1998**

I hope that this finds you all about to enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season. Accompanying this FTA Bulletin you will find a copy of the **1998 FTA Handbook**. Your President, Secretary and Treasurer have been working on it throughout the year and feel that, even though it has extended us a little financially, it is something that the FTA will make available to its members as a token for their support over the years. There are some extra copies available that will be sold to FTA members at $10 each and to non-FTA members at $15. As long as the supply lasts we will give them to new members along with the other sign-up literature that Jerry has been sending. There is no commitment to do another one in the future. So get them while you can from Jerry. And any donations to help defray some of the club's costs in providing this service to the membership will not be refused, should you want to toss in a little extra with your band orders and dues renewals.

You will note that the Handbook includes FTA history, records, and informative historic articles on various aspects of the Tippler hobby. I hope that it is received with enthusiasm. What we need is for that enthusiasm to carry forward to our next project -- the **Pigeon Debut Tippler Special**. David Fuller has received enough support in ad commitments that we should be able to proceed. The FTA Handbook is made up of previously published works. We need support of **ALL Tippler fanciers** to make the Pigeon Debut Tippler Special the best compilation of current Tippler knowledge and information that it can be. It is not too soon to be writing articles, taking pictures of birds, lofts, etc.

**APATHY** - In at least a couple past Bulletins I have requested that interested parties step forward and volunteer to run for FTA office or members to nominate others who are willing to serve. The result has been an empty mailbox at the O'Rourke household. Jerry, Joe and I are willing to continue for the next two years. We need some help. I have heard that some of those officers on the books would like to step down. We will be approaching some members and hopefully be able to put together a full complement in the near future.

A combination of the topic of the above two paragraphs -- Jerry has received very little response to the request for commitment to ads for the Tippler Special. I am sure that much of this is explainable by many of you FTA members having dual, or triple membership in the clubs that David has contacted. And if you tell one club you should not tell the others for fear of getting counted too many times and inflating the total. But if that is not the case, and you have failed to tell Jerry or David or the FTS, ATU, CNTU, etc. of you willingness to support the venture please do so soon. I have not heard the target date for the issue, but a good guess would be late 1999 or 2000. It should be a great issue and boost the popularity of Tipplers.

We had a good turn out of Tippler fanciers at the **National Young Bird Show** in Louisville the end of October, even though there were not many birds shown. The regulars - Zovich, Weichec, Kvidera and Hulst were joined by the return of Fuller and Beal and had a pleasant surprise visit by Ogozalek. We missed the whit of the old-timer, Smitty, who could not make the trip down this year. There was plenty of Tippler talk. I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent with the group.

On a personal note - I have just recently changed jobs. Started the new one in early December after 26+ years with the former company, whose new ownership has put it in bad financial shape. I am excited about the new opportunity and look forward to the new challenges. We were planning to move next summer anyway, now we know what side of town we'll end up on. Not sure what effect it will have on the birds as of yet.

Best wishes,

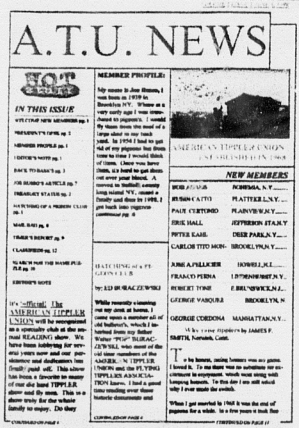
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IF YOU ARE NOT AT LEAST RECEIVING ONE OF THESE 3 TOP PREMIER TIPPLER BULLETINS YOU ARE IN THE DARK IN REGARDS TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TIPPLER WORLD TODAY. SO IF YOUR NOT-JOIN ONE OR ALL THREE CLUBS AND START ENJOYING THE TIPPLER SPORT LIKE YOU NEVER HAVE BEFORE.

# THE TRITONS OF THE TIPPLER WORLD

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AMERICAN TIPPLER UNION

**AMERICAN TIPPLER UNION**
**INFO# (516)667-4238 CLARENCE WILLIAMS**


Flying Tippler Society of the USA. Established in 1987

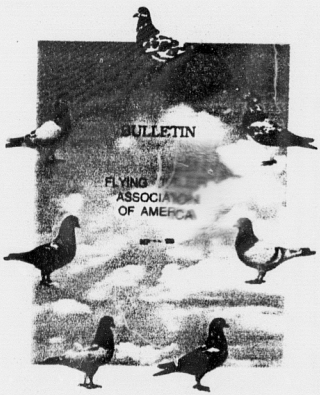
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**INFO#(504)835-8904 DAVID FULLER**




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# T I P P L E R  T A I L S

## DUES, BAND AND SEASON PASS FOR 1999

Dues for 1999 are due for most members in January, 1999. As you know, we are trying to have all our members pay their dues in January of each year. We will pro-rate the dues for those members who join the FTA during the year. Also, Band orders for 1999 will be accepted along with your dues. There is no change in the price of dues, ($15.00 for members). Bands are $25.00 per 100, sold in increments of 25 ($6.25 for 25). The Band color for 1999 is blue, and all band orders will be shipped out January 10th according to our FTA rules. If a member wishes any particular band numbers, please let me know and I will try to accommodate you if the particular band numbers you want have not already been taken. Season Passes are $20.00 and entitle a member to fly in all 13 of our flying competitions. Otherwise, each fly if $3.00. So if you fly in 7 competitons or more, you are saving money. Make all checks payable to the FTA and send to Jerry O'Rourke, 201 Codman Rd., Norwood, MA., 02062.

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW FTA MEMBERS

I think it is time again to update our GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW FTA MEMBERS Program which was initiated a few years back. We have had some new members since then and perhaps some of our members have some changes in their Lofts since that time. With that in mind, enlcosed with this Bulletin is a Form which we hope our members will take the time to fill out. All we are asking is some information about your Loft and your Tipplers and how you handle them. If you want to send in a picture of your Loft, it would be really appreciated. Your responses should make interesting reading for our membership and they will be published in forthcoming Bulletins. Now, here is a chance to do something for your organization. Please make an effort to contribute.

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## RHODE ISLAND PIGEON FANCIERS ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, October 4th, I attended the Rhode Island Pigeon Fanciers All Breed 1998 Young Bird Show held in Pawtucket, R.I. It is about the only show I am able to go to due to circumstances at home. It was actually a two day show with all Homing Pigeons judged on Saturday and Fancy Pigeons on Sunday. I had two YBs entered, a Cock and a Hen. And while the Tippler competition was minimal, I received a Champion Blue Ribbon for my Light Print Cock, a Macclesfield Tippler, from John Kleis, Sr. stock. This bird was then entered in Best of Show against some very fine looking Fancy Pigeons. He made it down to the last four before the judge eliminated it. The judge later told me that my Tippler was a fine looking bird, great stature and he liked it very much. (Not enough to win Best of Show, though.) I was very pleased. J. O'Rourke

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## A NEW HONOR

The new Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was so delighted to hear about Kemo Basic's new FTA and North American YB Record fly of 16:06 set in our Summer I fly on June 6, 1998, that he duly wanted to honor Kemo in some way. He decided to name a Supply Building after Kemo as it was the only building available at this time without a name. There were a lot of politicians and celebrities present at the dedication of this building, notable of which was Red Sox slugger, Moe Vaughn, perhaps in his last Boston appearance as a member of the Red Sox. Please see picture of Kemo's building.

## THE HAT TRICK

I received a very nice letter from John Kleis, Sr., Richfield Springs, NY. John enclosed a picture of himself holding his champion Macclesfield Tippler and his Trophy and Blue Ribbon. (See picture elsewhere in this Bulletin.) John's bird, FTA98-608, a light print Tippler, won Best of Breed at the Mohwak Valley Variety Pigeon Show held on October 18th. This same hen won Best of Breed again at the Central New York Pigeon Show, Syracuse, NY, on November 8th. John is going to enter his Champion pigeon in the upcoming show at Schuyler, NY, and if this little hen comes through once again, John will have scored "The Hat Trick." We wish you luck, John. John has outstanding Macclesfield Tipplers. They not only win at the shows, (see earlier article wherein I won Best of Class at the Rhode Island Pigeon Fanciers Show held on Nov. 17th with a young Macclesfield cock bred from John's birds.) These are the highest flying Tipplers I have ever seen, and I thought my Lovatt could fly high. Both my friend, Bela Kiss, and I fly these Macclesfieds from John's stock, and we both agree that they are super high flyers, great style, and they can fly the time. Both Bela and John have flown these Macs in stock flys (8 birds or more) and have record times from 8-10 hours on the books. J. O'Rourke

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## F R O M  T H E  T I P P L E R  M A I L B A G

Dale Guthormsen, Box 5, Mossbank, Saskatchewan, Canada S0H-3G0

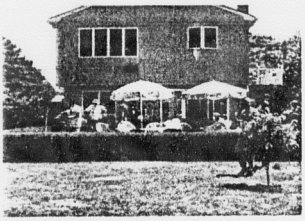
Dear Mr. O'Rourke: I can't recall if I paid dues or not, let me know if you need me to pay up. I am not always good about giving up my money. I have obtained four pairs of light print Tipplers and four young Blue Bars. I flew a kit for the July fly and my kit of six flew 8 hours and 32 minutes, but only 5 dropped and one flew into dark. I reckon I disqualified on my first effort. Afterwards, I beefed up my kit to 15 members. They behaved well, went in the door upon the whistle and flew 4 hours on training flights. I increased the food quality and lost the entire kit. Two returned over the weekend and that was it. Tippler flying over for my first year. we had fun and I enjoyed watching them fly. s/D. Guthormsen

**Dale, it sounds as if you are moving in the right direction. Have patience with the Tipplers and you will learn as you enjoy them. Everyone loses birds, but you will get better as you go along.**

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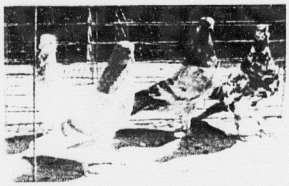
# SCENES FROM THE 1998 ATU LAWN SHOW



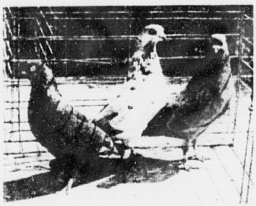
The food was good, all you can eat.



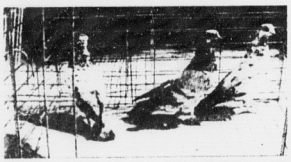
Joe Russo in the red shirt, Tom D'Allesandro with arms crossed and Bob Adams behind Tom catching some of the judging.



These were the best young birds at the ATU LAWN SHOW. 1st blue griz ATU 608, 2nd ATU 504 dun griz, 3rd ATU 603 blk mottle, 4th isabella ATU 539



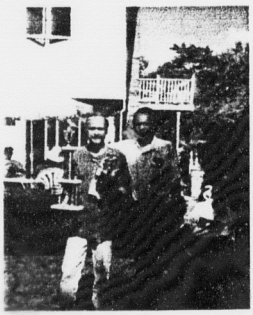
Best old cocks 1st ATU 120 light grizzle
2nd ATU 137 blue bar
3rd ATU 31 black



Best in show were:
ATU 162 OH mottle
ATU 120 OC light grizzle.
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Al Ramirez our dedicated, hard working President-
Came up a big winner at this years ATU LAWN SHOW with BEST IN-SHOW
& RESERVE CHAMP

CONGRATULATIONS
AL RAMIREZ





THE WINNERS CIRCLE, THESE ARE THE TOP GUNS IN THE AMERICAN TIPPLER UNION. **MAINTAINING THE STANDARD** FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

*BEST IN SHOW &**RESERVE CHAMP AL RAMIREZ
1st OLD COCK AL RAMIREZ**
2nd OLD COCK ED BURACZEWSKI
3rd OLD COCK JOE RUSSO

1st OLD HEN AL RAMIREZ*
2nd OLD HEN JOEY RAMIREZ
3rd OLD HEN TINY CONCEPCION

1st YOUNG BIRDS Tiny Concepcion
2nd YOUNG BIRDS JOE FALCON

3rd YOUNG BIRDS Tiny Concepcion

4th YOUNG BIRDS JOE FALCON

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## THE 1998 LAWN SHOW

This year's lawn show will be remembered for a long time. It started with a perfect day; the weather has been very kind to the lawn show, then if as that alone weren't enough, BOB & DEE ADAMS hosted the show at their beautiful home. There is no tippler club with finer members. What a day, good company, good food, and lots of pigeon talk and competitions. Guest included: *Harold Samuels, Andy Doolin, Stanley Ogozalek, Frank Tabone & wife, Pete Fazio, Selina & Dennis, Tom & Joan Giambalvo, John Flynch, Fred Albino & wife.

On behalf of all the ATU members let me THANK YOU for coming and making it a memorable occasion and let me invite you again to next years lawn show.

There were nine members who entered birds in the show and there were some first timers who competed like Ed Eager and Robert Martinez. And then there were veterans like Ed Burackzewski who's father Walter POP Buraczewski showed birds at the lawn show from the very beginning of this clubs existence. Other competitors included Joe Russo, Tom D'Alessandro, Erik Baker, our good President Al Ramirez, Tiny Concepcion, and yours truly Joe Falcon.

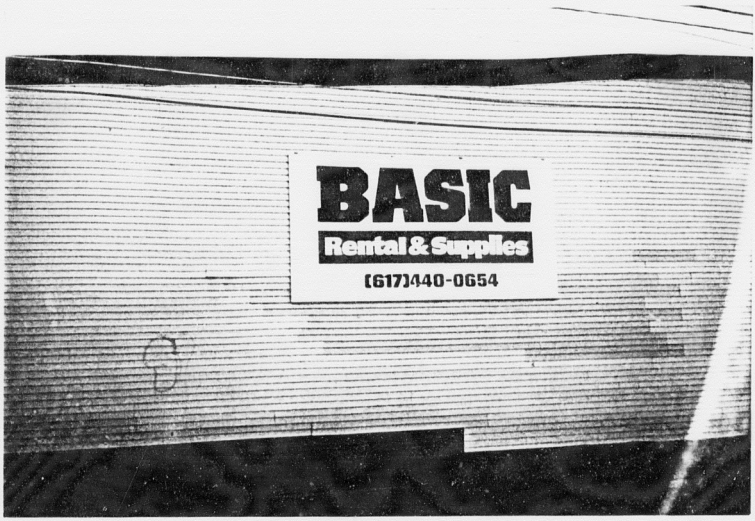
Donations by guest and members are as follows: Paul Certonio 50lbs bag of feed, John Smith 2/50lbs bags of feed, Wellwood Pet shop 50lbs bag of feed, Al Ramirez case of soda and 2 water cans, John Cuttone 2 bottles of liquor, Ed Mahlstadt 3 4/8 sheets of plywood for the pigeon set up and judging table, John Roth 2/50lbs bags of feed and 1/50 container of grit and his wife made some delicious macaroni salad, Ed Eager one of our new members donated $20.00 to help with operating costs of the show, Gail Williams made some delicious potato salad-onions-corn, Joe Russo 1/50lbs of feed and a pigeon book, Nelson Garcia phone-baseball cards-doll-toy truck, Tiny 2/33lbs bags of feed-cheese cakes, Selina 1 case of ice cold beer, Ed Burackzewski 1/50lbs bag of feed-1 case of ice cold Coors beer-chicken wings, Stanley Ogozalek $10.00 to help with the operating costs, Clarence Williams 18 piece glass set-1/50lbs case of grit-1/50lbs bag of feed, Murph Randall 1/50lbs bag of feed– and the now famous eggplant dish prepared by his lovely wife I have to say it is my favorite, Frank Tabone 1 bottle of whiskey. Joe Falcon tacos with cheese dip. Most of the donations were for the raffle.

**Thank you everyone for your Donations- you were too generous.**

Pictures and the show report are contained further in the newsletter.

WRITTEN BY JOE FALCON

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KEMO BASIC'S BUILDING

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John Kleis. Sr. holding his little hen, FTA98-608, a light print Tippler, a big winner at the Mohawk Valley Variety Pigeon Show and also won at the Central New York Pigeon Show.

Jack Prescott – English Correspondent.

## The Indian Job.

Directly after an article concerning the Madras (India) Tippler and Tumbler Association appeared in the Flying Tippler Association (USA) bulletin in March, 1998, the secretary of the FTA, Joe Russo, gave me the job of investigating the affairs of this Indian organisation. I wrote to the secretary, Mr C. Murugesh. The job called for a man with a brain, a badge, a gun and a shabby raincoat. Well, at least I had the rain coat. The evidence is that they have 2 separate contests - one for Tipplers and one for Tumblers. Several forms of contests take place, but the outstanding one is the single bird contest. Just one pigeon being flown on 5 consecutive days. An example is the result of such a fly that took place on My 6th -10th inclusive. The daily release time was 8.00am. (Note that the same pigeon is used on all 5 days.)

*8 hrs 7 mins - 8 hrs 12 mins - 8 hrs 5 mins - 8 hrs 23 mins - 8 hrs 27 mins.*
**Total time:** *41 hours and 14 minutes.*

This is a fantastic result. The temperature at ground level was 100 degrees plus. No doubt an early morning launch is essential, before the heat develops. Being launched into the cool upper air, a continued style of high flying is the only way that such pigeons could endure. There is a vast difference in these Indian pigeons, and their British counterparts. The Indian birds will not even fly in the lightest of rain. British Tipplers and Tumblers will fly in the rain. Mr Murugesh tells me that sometimes these 5 day wonders suffer severe effects and die from digestive and respiratory problems directly after the competition. I have suggested that upper air pollution and digestive inefficiency is the cause. I have sent some tablets that may help.
Furthermore, they have a disease problem, and Mr Murugesh describes a sickness that could be PARAMYXO VIRUS, COCCIDIOSIS or SALMONELLA.

He asked my advice and all I could offer was a system of daily cleaning out of the loft, no overcrowding and extreme caution with the water supply. Extreme caution is essential when new birds are introduced. It has been my experience that the mixing of birds at shows, races, exchanges, purchases and loft visiting, etc. is responsible for most epidemics. Nevertheless, we could all do better with hygiene and the exclusion of mice and mites etc.. Mice carry salmonella, you know. The timing and supervision of flying out there is as good as any in Britain or the USA.

The Indian job has been a slow job because air mail letters take 2 months to be exchanged. Anyhow, this is all I have for now. Several questions are still unanswered. Nevertheless, these Indians have already won my deepest respect in August, 1998.

*Jack Prescott.*

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## The Indian Job II.

On August 18th, 1998, I received another letter from India on behalf of the Madras Tippler and Tumbler Association. This was to thank me for my book, "*My Way with Pigeons*" that I sent as a small present to Mr Murugesh.

Little by little, I am getting a better picture of how things are in India. The pigeon fanciers out there feel extremely isolated and have great difficulty in getting involved with the European and American fancy. I have been totally disarmed by the frankness of these people. The impact of my several long letters, several photo copies of my published articles and finally my book has been a surprise to me. I learn that they cannot get rings - they have to send for them from other countries. I am asked to supply the address of a British ring firm because the Madras fanciers club, including the racing pigeon men, do not know where to buy rings. Anyway, I have sent the address.

Pigeon literature is not available in India and that is why Mr Murugesh freely admits that he was absolutely unaware that the presence of mice and rats was a health hazard to his birds. Therefore, my several letters and articles on basic husbandry have been well received. They are making arrangements to get this material translated into several regional languages.

There is information about several forms of competition flying. A certain MR SHANMUGAM of TAMIL NADU claims 18 hours-30 minutes on a one day fly with 2 pigeons. British tipplers are flown in kits of not less than 3. The Indian rule is that time is taken when the last pigeon drops, not the first. To fly 18 and a half hours they have to do at least 4 hours in the dark, due to shorter daylight. Now, this is fantastic. Very few people in Britain have flown 4 hours in the dark.

These Indians have some great knowledge and some great pigeons. The fact that they do not think like British fanciers is of no importance. I shall do my best to keep contact and tell the Indian fanciers what is happening in Britain, the USA and Canada.

A sort of public relations man - I no longer feel like a detective.

*Jack Prescott.*

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## The Indian Job III.

The pigeon fancy in India is rather like it was around Sheffield, England, one hundred years ago. In many respects a certain primitive realism runs parallel. The involvement with showing had not been established in England 100 years ago, and it certainly has not been established in India - yet. The literature, the vast range of products and the scientific knowledge was absent in England and to this day such things are absent in India. Nevertheless, there was no shortage of enthusiasm and dedication in England 100 years ago, and certainly the Indians are dedicated to their flying in various complicated forms.

Another similar aspect is a good relationship and co-operation between men who race pigeons and the Tippler and Tumbler men. These days in England, the relationship between show pigeon men and flying men is not very good. However, the evidence is that a great understanding prevails between the racing pigeon men and the Tippler and Tumbler men of India, rather like it was in England 100 years ago. It is not unusual to find racing pigeon men acting as referees or timers in Tippler contests and Tumbler contests in India. Why not? All are pigeon men. All are responsible and subject to scrutiny. I do not want to say too much here, but in Britain right up until late 1998 it is known that in some cases a man's girlfriend could act as his "OFFICIAL REFEREE" provided that she did not actually live in the same house as the flyer/owner. PLEASE DO NOT LAUGH - I AM BEING SERIOUS. This ridiculous state of affairs may come to an end in Britain in 1999 due to much protesting. However, such a ridiculous state of affairs has not taken place in India, and it certainly did not take place in England 100 years ago.

As in those early years in England, the Indian's cannot get rings. This was never a problem in England because there are ways and means of marking pigeons effectively even without rings. Of course such contestants were always within close knit and local societies, and all of the contestants knew each other and each others pigeons. It is the same in India today.

At this time I am the link between India, America and England. So far, I have gained nothing but respect either to or from the Indians.

*Jack Prescott.*

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AMERICAN TIPPLER UNION

SHOW TIME REPORT

# READING YOUNG BIRD REPORT

The READING YOUNG BIRD SHOW is a show that the AMERICAN TIPPLER UNION sponsors. The ATU sponsors the READING SHOW in January also. For the past two years we have been officially recognized as a tippler specialty club, but have been showing our tipplers at both these events for many years now. If you read my article in the 2nd edition of the ATU NEWS then you know how good these events are particularly the 2 day show in January. Ok now for the show report for the young bird show. In this show ATU member Ed Malstadt made his judging debut. He did a good job and will get better with more judging under his belt.

There were 43 tipplers-25 cocks and 18 hens entered by 6 exhibitors. The exhibitors were Ed Carlson, Tiny Concepcion, Andy Kimmel, AL & Joey Ramirez, and Joe Russo.

1st place hens ATU 23 bronze

Joe Russo

2nd #716 mottle bronze Ed Carlson

3rd # 4201 blue grizzle Ed Carlson

1st place cocks #4179 Ed Carlson
2nd ATU 608 Tiny Concepcion

3rd ATU 126 Al Ramirez.

Best in show went to Joe Russo, now a top gun in the show stage and in the air, "way the go Joe"!

My apologies, that no picture were available for publishing for either show. Joe Falcon



Joe Russo best in show!

The NEW YORK STATE FALL COMBINE SHOW.

It was a clean sweep! ATU members have won champion, reserve champion and 2nd reserve champion at this years show. In all there were 53 Tipplers both young and old. There were 8 exhibitors competing. "THE COMPETITION WAS TOUGH AND JUDGING THEM WAS NOT AN EASY TASK" SAID BILL JACOX.

EXHIBITORS INCLUDED:

Ray Khane,
John Kleis,FTA
Rich Ackerman,
Joe Falcon, ATU,FTA,FTS
NSPFC,NYC,NPA
Tiny Concepcion, ATU
John Rao,
Joe Cussick
Ed Buraczewski ATU

**SHOW RESULTS NYS FALL COMBINE**

- **1st OCTiny Concepcion**
- **2nd OC TinyConcepcion**
- **3rd old cocks Joe Falcon**

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- **1st old hen Joe Falcon**
- **2nd OH TinyConcepcion**
- **3rd OH Ed Buraczewski**

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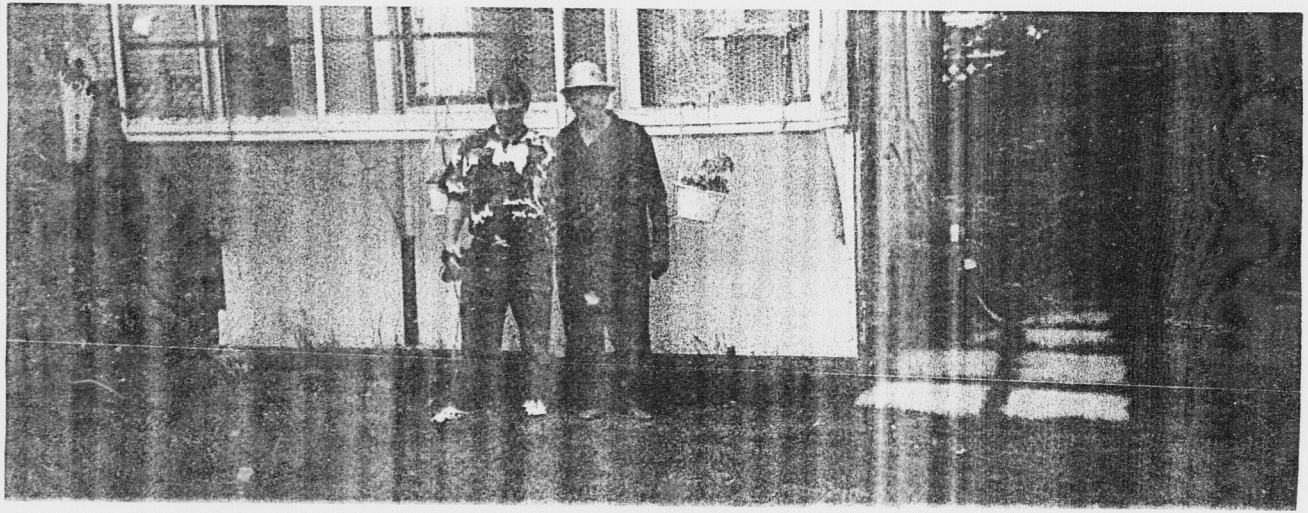
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Fall Series I - Sept. 12/13

YOUNG BIRDS
Effective 1997 this is a YB Fly only

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Joe Russo - DQ

All FTA 98 -27 Red Grizzle, 29 Grizzle, 31 Blue Bar, 32 Grizzle and 34 Blue Bar. All released at 635AM. 1st Bird down 920AM and other Four at 10AM Disqualified because unable to trap within hour. Timed by Clarence Williams, Sec., ATU and witnessed by Bob Adams, ATU member.

WEATHER:
Sunny. 70-90 Degrees. BArometer 29.85S. Winds 3 MPH and Humidity at 59%. Sunrise at 632AM and Sunset at 706PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Weather turned hot again - no wind - air very still.

HONOR SYSTEM

Ross Morden - 10:05
1st Place Ribbon & Diploma

All CNTU98 - 1058 Blue, 995 Print, 994 Dark Grizzle and 997 Blue. All released at 630AM. Fantail Droppers out at 435PM and all down together at 436PM with last bird in trap at 510PM. Witness in part by Harry Smith.

WEATHER:
Clouds variable. 60-70 Degrees. Winds 10-12 MPH and Humidity at 50%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Good day for flying - nice and cool.

John Kleis - 07:08
2nd Place Ribbon

All FTA98 - 601,604,608,603,605, 602 and 606. All Light Prints released at 955AM and all down on own accord at 503PM with last bird in trap at 508PM.

WEATHER:
Partly cloudy. Winds Calm to 4-7MPH.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Beautiful day for a fly. Weather just beautiful. Nice fly - enjoyed every bit of it. Nice high flying.

Ron Sloan - 05:31
Third Place Ribbon

All FTA98 - 192 White/Red Specks, 191 Blue Bar, 190 Red, 187 Lt. Print and 188 Lt Print, dark tail. All released at 900AM and all down at 231PM with last bird in trap at 235PM. Sunrise 623AM and Sunset at 716PM.

WEATHER:
Cloudy. 68-65 Degrees. Barometer 29.68 Winds SW at 3MPH. Humidity 64%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Kit started out in light rain, some sun for ½ hour then rain. Finally heavy rain. Luckily birds landed and came in.

Kemo Basic - DQ

All CNTU98 315 Silver, 325 Blue Bar and 313 Silver. All released at 658AM. Disqualified because one bird missing at start and unable to trap within hour. Two birds flew over 14 hours into darkness.

WEATHER:

Cloudy. 50-80 Degrees. Winds calm and Humidity 50-60%.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Two birds flew over and came back next day. One bird missing.

Stan Ogozalek - DQ

All FTA98- 123,124,149 and 150. All FTS98-1136,1145 and 1146. All released at 623AM and Droppers tosssed at 430PM. Disqualified at 10:07 because unable to trap within hour.

WEATHER:

65-85 Degrees. Minimal Cloud cover. Winds from West 0-5MPH. Local sunrise at 634AM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Kit flew in great style all day - medium to high, but low at times. One bird was "ready to drop" at 430PM, but others continued on flying until 620PM and trapped at 630PM. Kit flew in heat and sun with no problem.

Jerry O'Rourke - DQ

All FTA98 - 553 Silve Bar, 593 Grey Grizzle and 594 Blue Bar. All Realesed at 715AM and all down together at 221PM. Disqualified because did not trap within hour.

WEATHER:

Clear, sunny. 55-68 Degrees. Barometer 30.01R. Winds from East at 14MPH and Humidity 73%. Sunrise at 624AM and Sunset at 715PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Flew low all day. Two of these birds just 7½ weeks old and in first competition. All 3 are Shannon strain Irish birds which I obtained from Kemo Basic. Great flyers and I expect to do better next time. (I hope.)

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Fall Series II - Sept. 26/27
(Effective 1997 this is a YB Fly only)

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Joe Russo - 04:56
1st Place Ribbon

All FTA98s - 9 White Mottle, 30 Black P/Head, 38 Black Mottle, 40 Grizzle, 45 Black, 37 Bronze Grizzle and 48 White Mottle. All released at 630AM and Droppers out at 1126AM and all down at 1126AM with last bird in trap at 1152AM. Timed by Bob Adams ATU.

WEATHER:

Partly Cloudy. 65-85 Degrees. Barometer 30.09R. Winds from NNW at 6 MPH and Humidity at 87%. Sunrise at 645AM and Sunset at 645PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:

Another day without wind. Birds tried hard by going very high, but at 1030AM sun came out and it got hot. At 1126AM birds had it.

HONOR SYSTEM

John Kleis, Sr. - 06:08
1st Place Ribbon

All FTA 98s -601,604,608, 603, 605, 602' and 606. All Light Prints released at 847AM and all down together at 255PM with last bird in trap at 302PM.
WEATHER:
Partly Cloudy. 62-68 Degrees. Winds from SW and Humidity at 92%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Very humid day. Hazy. Birds still in partly good moult - did the best they could.

Jerry O'Rourke - 05:15
2nd Place Ribbon

FTA98-553 Silver Bar, FTA98-593 Grey GRizzle and FTA98-594 Blue Bar. All released at 920AM and all down at 235PM with last bird in trap at 315PM.
WEATHER:
Clear, sunny. 55-83 Degrees. Barometer 30.3. Winds from SE at 5MPH and 73% Hunidity.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
It became very hot and humid for this time of year. Birds quit early. They flew low all day and worked too hard.

Stan Ogozalek - DQ

All FTA98 and all Blue Bars. 123,124,149,150. All FTS98 and all Blue Bars 1136,1144 and 1147. Seven birds released at 637AM and Droppers out at 410PM and all birds down at 412PM. Disqualified because FTS98-123 refused to start landed in tree.
WEATHER:
Cloud cover minimal. 60-85 Degrees. NO wind. Sunrise at 647AM and Sunset at 647PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Kit didn't fly in good style, raking fair, no wind, heat, moult all added up. The six Tipplers did fly 9 hours and 33 minutes - should have looked at birds more carefully prior to release.

Ron Sloan - DQ

FTS98-192 Lt Red Mottle, FTS98-191 Blue Bar and FTS98-190 Red. All released at 650AM and two down at 132PM. Disqualified because unable trap all within hour. Hawk took Red about 1230PM.
WEATHER:
Cloudy. 65-80 Degrees. Barometer 29.81. Winds from SW at 5 MPH and Humidity at 87%. Sunrise at 638AM and Sunset at 653PM.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Hope hawk does not ruin our Dreams of Flying.

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Fall Series III - October 10/11

YOUNG BIRDS ONLY

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Joe Russo - 07:09
1st Place Ribbon

All FTA98 - 30 Hen Black, 37 Hen Bronze Grizzle, 38 Hen Black Mottle, 45 Hen Black and 48 Cock White Mottle. All released at 730AM and Droppers out 1 minute after birds landed. All down at 239PM with last bird in trap at 255PM. Timed by Ed Mahlstadt from 7AM to 1 PM and Bob Adams from 10AM to end.

WEATHER:
Cloudy, light rain. 58-65 Degrees. Barometer 29.85. Winds from NNE at 10MPH and Humidity 98%. Sunrise at 659AM and Sunset at 621PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Mist with light rain, low sky cloudy - not a good day to fly. Wind did help a little. Birds were low all through fly.

HONOR SYSTEM

Ron Sloan - 03:55
1st Place Ribbon

All FTS98-192 Red Mottle, 191 Blue Bar, 187 Lt. Print and 188 Lt. Print with Dark Tail. All released at 700AM and all down at 1055AM with last bird in trap at 1059AM. Witnessed by Susan Sloan.

WEATHER:
Clear. 37-50 Degrees. Barometer 30.52. Winds ENE at 5 MPH and Humidity at 49%. Sunrise at 645AM and Sunset at 626PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Heavy moult, but no Hawks.

Stan Ogozalek - DQ

FTA98-149 and 150 Blues. FTS-1136,1144,1145 and 1147 all Blues. All released at 637AM and Droppers out at 640PM. Only 1 bird down at 706PM and rest flew into dark. Disqualified because unable to trap all within hour.

WEATHER:
Minimal cloud cover. 60-70 Degrees. Winds from NW at 10-15 MPH.
Sunrise at 703AM and Sunset at 623PM.

FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Excellent day for flying, great style, low to medium in height, almost dropped kit at 710PM but lifted and flew into the dark. Some dark training would help.

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Fall Series IV - OCTOBER 24/25

THE STOCK FLY
Any Age Birds

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Joe Russo - DQ

All FTA98 -9 Wt Mottle Cock, 27 Strawberry Cock, 29 Grizzle Cock, 30 Black Hen, 37 Bronze Hen, 38 Black Mottle Hen, 40 Grizzle Cock, 45 Black Hen and 48 Wt. Mottle Cock. All released at 715AM and 8 down at 1106AM and 1 down at 1117AM. Droppers put out after birds landed.
Disqualified because birds did not trap within the hour.
Timed by John Hayes from 7AM to end, and by Bob Adams from 11AM to end.
WEATHER:
Sunny, 41-70 Degrees. Barometer 30.22. Winds from SW at 5-10 MPH and Humidsity at 53%. Sunrise at 713AM and Sunset at 601PM.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Birds did not want to fly from the time they were released. Had no time to work with them this week.

HONOR SYSTEM

Ron & Susan Sloan - 10:48
1st Place Ribbon & Diploma

All FTS98 - 192 Red Mottle, 191 Blue Bar, 187 Lt. Print, 188 Lt. Print, 4652 Blue Bar, 4651 Blue Check, 176 Bronze Print, and 4656 Red. All released at 715AM and all down together at 603PM with last bird in trap at 608PM.
Witnessed by Susan Sloan.
WEATHER
Clear. [illegible]es. Barometer 29.99. Winds from NW at 11MPH and Humidity at 41% [illegible] at 709AM and Sunset at 603PM.
FLYER'
Susan [illegible]e good young. A great fly day, cool with a strong breeze.

Jerry O'Rourke- 07:18
2nd Place Ribbon

FTA97-291 Blue Bar Hen, FTA97-2123 Lt. Print Hen. FTA98-541 Lt. Print Cock, FTA98-555 Red Hen, FTA98-600 Red Cock, FTA98-614 Lt. Print Hen, FTA98-1012 Grizzle Cock and FTA98-583 Lt. Print Hen. All released at 725AM and all down together at 243PM. Droppers released as birds came down and last bird in trap at 308PM.
WEATHER:
Sunny clear. 55-76 Degrees. Barometer 30.01. Winds from West at 14 MPH and Humidity at 51%.
FLYER'S COMMENTS:
Lost 4 birds to Hawks during training of this kit. I had to substitute two old Birds. I think they did well overall.

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Name: Loft Name:
Street Address:
City, State. Zip:

1. How did you get started in Tipplers?

2. What strain of Tipplers do you fly, and what do you particularly like about them?

3. How often do you fly your birds? Do they fly high?

4. What colors are your Tipplers? How many birds do you normally keep?

5. In breeding, what do you look for in your birds? From how many birds do you breed?

6. Do you use Droppers? If so, what kind?

7. What feed do you use? How often do you feed your birds?

8. Do you medicate your bird?

9. How large is your Loft?

10. Do you have any comments or suggestions to pass on to your fellow members?

11. Any suggestion regarding the FTA? Are there any changes you would like to see made?

12. Anything else you want to tell us about your Tipplers? Do you have any questions regarding Tipplers with which we might help you?

Return this form to: Jerry O'Rourke
201 Codman Road
Norwood, MA, 02062

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Central Timer's Annual Report

1. The following members participated in the 13 competitive flys during 1998.

| Member | No. Fly Reports Requested | No. Flys actually entered |
|---|---|---|
| Jerry O'Rourke | Season Pass (13) | 10 |
| Joe Russo | Season Pass (13) | 10 |
| Stan Ogozalek | 9 | 9 |
| Ron & Susan Sloan | Season Pass (13) | 9 |
| Oskar Zovich | 5 | 5 |
| Kemo Basic | Season Pass (13) | 4 |
| Harry J. Smith | Season Pass (13) | 4 |
| Bela Kiss | Season Pass (13) | 3 |
| John Kleis, Sr. | 4 | 4 |
| Tim Kvidera | 2 | 2 |
| Ross Morden | Season Pass (13) | 2 |
| Gary Hulst | Season Pass (13) | 2 |
| Luka Kapac | 2 | 0 |
| Sia Maleknasri | 3 | 0 |
| | 129 | 62 |

2. Regular Diploma Awards for 1998 were awarded as follows:

| Member | Diplomas | Offiial System | Honor System |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oskar Zovich | 4 | 16:03-15:15-17:06-17:22 | |
| Kemo Basic | 1 | 16:06 | |
| Joe Russo | 1 | 12:00 | |
| Bela Kiss | 3 | | 09:47-10:19-09:42 |
| Stan Ogozalek | 3 | | 14:01-14:27-10:42 |
| Harry J. Smith | 3 | | 10:17-11:35-10:45 |
| Tim Kvidera | 2 | | 13:05-16:00 |
| Jerry O'Rourke | 2 | | 08:43-12:05 |
| Ron & Susan Sloan | 2 | | 12:49-10:48 |
| Ross Morden | 1 | | 10:05 |
| | 22 | 6 Official | 16 Honor |

3. The Aggregate hour winners were as follows:

| Member | System | No. Flys | Hours Flown |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oskar Zovich | Official | 5 | 65:46 |
| Jerry O'Rourke | Honor System | 10 | 45:40 |

The Aggregate Figures for 1998 were as follows:

| Member | System | No. of Flys | Total Hours Flown | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oskar Zovich | Official | 5 | 65:46 | * |
| Joe Russo | Official | 10 | 31:15 | |
| Kemo Basic | Official | 4 | 16:06 | |
| J. O'Rourke | Honor | 10 | 45:40 | * |
| S. Ogozalek | Honor | 9 | 45:30 | |
| Ron & Susan Sloan | Honor | 9 | 40.00 | |
| Harry J.Smith | Honor | 4 | 32:31 | |
| Bela Kiss | Honor | 3 | 29:48 | |
| Tim Kvidera | Honor | 2 | 29:05 | |
| John Kleis, Sr. | Honor | 4 | 19:24 | |
| Ross Morden | Honor | 2 | 15:48 | |
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Ribbon Awards for the First three Places in each fly were given to:

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Member | Fly | Time | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oskar Zovich | Spring I | 16:03 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Oskar Zovich | Spring II | 15:15 | 1 | | |
| Joe Russo | " | 12:00 | | 2 | 0 |
| Oskar Zovich | Spring III | 17:06 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kemo Basic | Summer I | 16:06 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Oskar Zovich | Summer II | 17:22 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Russo | Fall II | 04:56 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Russo | Fall III | 07:09 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

HONOR SYSTEM

| Member | Fly | Time | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jerry O'Rourke | Winter I | 08:43 | 1 | | |
| Ron Sloan | " | 06:57 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | 0 |
| J. O'Rourke | Winter II | 12:05 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ron Sloan | Winter III | 12:49 | 1 | | |
| Joe Russo | " | 07:10 | | 2 | |
| Jerry O'Rourke | " | 06:53 | | | 3 |

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| Member | Fly | Time | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bela Kiss | Spring I | 09:47 | 1 | | |
| Ross Morden | " | 05:43 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | 0 |
| H. J. Smith | Spring II | 10:17 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| H. J. Smith | Spring III | 11:35 | 1 | | |
| Stan Ogozalek | " | 06:20 | | 2 | |
| J. O'Rourke | " | 05:26 | | | 3 |
| S. Ogozalek | Summer I | 14:01 | 1 | | |
| H. J. Smith | " | 10:45 | | 2 | |
| Bela Kiss | " | 10:19 | | | 3 |
| S. Ogozalek | Summer II | 14:27 | 1 | | |
| T. Kvidera | " | 13:05 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | 0 |
| T. Kvidera | Summer III | 16:00 | 1 | | |
| S. Ogozalek | " | 10:42 | | 2 | |
| Bela Kiss | " | 09:42 | | | 3 |
| Ross Morden | Fall I | 10:05 | 1 | | |
| John Kleis, Sr. | " | 07:08 | | 2 | |
| Ron Sloan | " | 05:31 | | | 3 |
| John Kleis, Sr. | Fall II | 06:08 | 1 | | |
| J. O'Rourke | " | 05:15 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | 0 |
| Ron Sloan | Fall III | 03:55 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ron Sloan | Fall IV | 10:48 | 1 | | |
| J. O'Rourke | " | 07:18 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | 0 |

New 1997 Fly Times added to the 20 BEST FLYING TIMES IN EACH SERIES:

| Name | Fly | System | Time | Position |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. O'Rourke | Winter I | Honor | 08:43 | 2nd |
| Ron Sloan | " | " | 06:57 | 3rd |
| J. O'Rourke | Winter II | Honor | 12:05 | 1st |
| Ron Sloan | Winter III | Honor | 12:49 | 1st |
| Joe Russo | " | " | 07:10 | 3rd |
| J. O'Rourke | " | " | 06:53 | 4th |
| O. Zovich | Spring I | Official | 16:03 | 1st |
| O. Zovich | Spring II | Official | 15:15 | 11th |
| O. Zovich | Spring III | Official | 17:06 | 1st |
| H. J. Smith | " | Honor | 11:35 | 20th |

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| Name | Fly | System | Time | Position |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kemo Basic | Summer I | Official | 16:06 | 1st |
| Stan Ogozalek | Summer I | Honor | 14:01 | 3rd |
| H. J. Smith | " | Honor | 10:45 | 7th |
| Bela Kiss | " | Honor | 10:19 | 8th |
| O. Zovich | Summer II | Official | 17:22 | 2nd |
| Stan Ogozalek | " | Honor | 14:27 | 7th |
| Tim Kvidera | " | " | 13:05 | 13th |
| Tim Kvidera | Summer III | Honor | 16:00 | 1st |
| Bela Kiss | " | " | 09:42 | 16th |
| Ross Morden | Fall I | Honor | 10:05 | 10th |
| Ron Sloan | Fall IV | Honor | 10:48 | 3rd |
| J. O'Rourke | " | Honor | 07:18 | 20th |

7. New 1997 Additions added to THE 20 BEST FLY TIMES OVERALL:

| Name | Fly | System | Time | Position |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| O. Zovich | Old Birds | Official | 16:03 | 15th |
| O. Zovich | Old Birds | Official | 17:06 | 3rd |
| Kemo Basic | Young Birds | Official | 16:06 | 1st |
| Stan Ogozalek | " | Honor | 14:01 | 11th |
| O. Zovich | Old Birds | Official | 17:22 | 2nd |
| Stan Ogozalek | Young Birds | Honor | 14:27 | 10th |
| Tim Kvidera | Young Birds | Honor | 16:00 | 1st |

8. New 1997 Additions added to The 20 BEST STOCK FLY TIMES OVERALL:
(Stock flys may be flown in any competition since 1997 - 8 Birds or More)

| Name | Fly | System | Time | Position |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| H. J. Smith | Summer I | Honor | 10:45 | 4th |
| Bela Kiss | Summer III | Honor | 09:42 | 8th |
| Ron Sloan | Fall IV | Honor | 10:48 | 3rd |

## SUMMARY OF THE 1998 ANNUAL FLY REPORT

I think that the 1998 Fly Season was one of the best we have had in years. We had 14 members participating in the 13 Flys with 62 fly times recorded. Six Diplomas were awarded to members in the Official System and 16 Diplomas in the Honor System. We awarded sevem 1st Place Ribbons and two 2nd Place Ribbons to members in the Official System, and thirteen 1st Place, ten 2nd Place and five 3rd Place Ribbons to members in the Honor System, a total of 37 Ribbons awarded overall.

The Aggregate Award for most hours flown in the Offical System was won by Oskar Zovich with 5 flys totaling 65 Hours and 46 minutes. Oskar had a time of 17:39 in the Summer I fly and he disqualified himself because he could not get a Timer early in the morning, and he also had two other flys over 17 hours and one over 16 hours. This is truly great flying. In the Honor System, Jerry O'Rourke, your Central Timer, just nosed out Stan Ogozalek

for the Aggregate time by 10 minutes. Jerry had 45 Hours and 40 minutes, and Stan had 45 hours and 30 minutes. In all fairness, I would like to point out that Stan had 3 flys all over 10 hours disqualified for various reasons.

We added 22 names to the Top 20 Flys in each Series both in the Official and Honor Systems, and 7 names in the Top 20 Overall in the Official and Honor Systems. Three names were added to the Stock Fly Overall records.

As mentioned previously, Oskar Zovich had three flys over 17 hours and one over 16 hours. He also had one over 15 hours. That is some flying. Kemo Basic set a new North American YB record, and FTA record, with a time of 16:06 in the Summer I fly. We are very proud of him. Also mentioned previously, was Stan Ogozalek times of two flys over 14 hours and a few DQ flys that went over 10 hours. Our FTA President, Tim Kvidera, had a nifty fly of 16 hours even in the Summer III fly. Harry J. Smith had a 10:45 Stock fly in Summer I competition for 4th best time ever recorded overall in Stock Fly, Honor system. Another one of our stock flyers, Bela Kiss, turned in a 09:42 12 bird fly in Summer III good for 8th place overall, and Ron Sloan had a 10:48 stock fly in the Fall IV fly, 3rd best in this Series, and third best Stock fly overall.

I hope that all our flyers had a great time this year and are looking forward to the 1999 Season. Thanks to all who participated in our competitions and I hope that more members will fly with us in 1999.

Jerry O'Rourke
Central Timer

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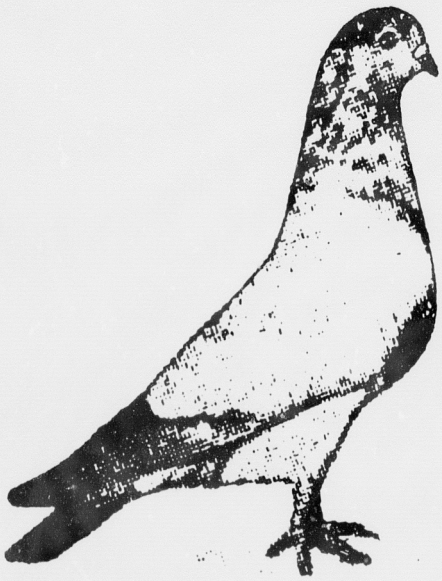
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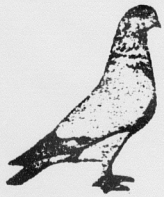
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# *Flying Tippler Association Of America*



ORGANIZED FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE FLYING TIPPLER IN AMERICA

## PREFACE

The Flying Tippler Association of America (The FTA) was established in 1938 to promote the hobby of endurance flying of the Flying Tippler pigeon in North America. It sponsors flying competitions throughout the year in two categories -- Official System and Honor System. Both systems require kits to perform according to the same FTA fly rules and compete for equal awards, but competition and records are separate. In the Official System the entrant must secure a Timer that fulfills the requirements set forth in the fly rules. If one is unable to get such a qualified Timer the flyer may time his own kit, by the same rules, and compete against other Honor System entrants.

In this publication you will find FTA related information including -- club history, current membership roster, current club officers, FTA Constitution and Fly Rules, recognized flying records, updated FTA Hall of Fame Flys (The listing of the top 20 flying times in each FTA competition), and a reprinting of some interesting and informative articles concerning the Flying Tippler pigeon.

Should you be interested in more information on Tipplers, or the Flying Tippler Association, please contact one of the officers, or members, listed elsewhere in this publication.

TK, 1998

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

# HISTORY

As related by
Bob Funk and Tim Kvidera

In the July 1976 FTA Bulletin we published the early history of the Flying Tippler Association as recalled by the late Bob Funk. Bob was a long time Flying Tippler breeder and very active in the FTA for a long period, holding a variety of offices over the years. Below you is the early Flying Tippler Association history and some autobiographical information from Bob Funk.....

"I was born in Ft. Pierce, FL, July 3,1921. Parents divorced when I was between 4 and 5 years...mother took me to Arkansas, Little rock....where she had relatives.

"There was a neighbor kid who brought home a pair of common pigeons, and I was sunk. I had to have a pair. I could not be satisfied - there was a milk or dairy farm across the Arkansas River whose kid had a beautiful selection of pure bred birds. My first pair of silver grizzle Tipplers came from the farm.

"Then, the Tipplers fascinated me more than anything else and I started reading up on them. There was an ad in the Journal from the Burns Brothers of Toronto, so in 1934, I sent off to Canada for four pairs, I believe it was.

"At this time I started to concentrate on the Tipplers, and got rid of everything else. At the age of 14 I had a kit in Little Rock that went over 14 hours for me. Strictly the Honor System, as there was only one other fancier in Little Rock, by then, that knew more about Tipplers than me. That was Bill Harvey. Bill was mainly a Birmingham Roller man, with a few Modenas for show. But before Bill went away to learn to be a pharmacist, he had obtained some Tipplers of the then famous George Storey strain.

"When Bill returned from school is when I met him. He saw how interested I was in the Tipplers, so he gave me his remaining Storey birds. It is the Storey bird the we chose as our FTA trademark, the bird on our letterheads. This was Storey's pigeon....we never had him in America.

"In the fall of 1936, momma sold out her business and returned to Florida. This was Miami...the birds came along in a large electric transformer crate, shipper REA rail. In those days it cost less than ten dollars. We lived in an apartment house managed by my mother's sister.

"In 1939, my uncle had managed to build up his stature in Miami as was appointed as barber and beauty culture inspector for the city. It was at this time he told me they were buying a new house and the birds just could not come along to this fancy area. Since I was in heavy correspondence with two men and by this time writing articles for the APJ, I shipped my birds off to these two men. They were Frank Hagen.... I said Frank Hagen, not Percy Hagan. Frank lived in Philadelphia and was a Club organizer for Tipplers....and I was appointed President of the then 'Associated Fanciers Flying Tippler Club', the AFFTC. He later reorganized it into the 'Flying Tippler Union', the FTU. The other man was our FTA club organizer, Erv Grube. Erv got what was left of the Storeys and some black/white mottled Canadians out of the Burns strain.

"In my association with Grube in 1938, he started to 'knocking' Frank Hagen as a 'huckster' which proved to be right. Erv told me that he wanted to start up a new club and call it the Flying Tippler Association of America, and would I be interested in being appointed President. I was. This is contrary

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"to the information 'fed' to Mr. Levi for his book 'The Pigeon'. But that part does not matter. I was drafted into the armed forces and Bill Hoffman of Baltimore was appointed President and remained in that position for a long time.

"About 1947 or 1948 Erv Grube was falling off as Secretary/Treasurer. Hoffman kept after him for a treasury report and finally he sent in a pencilled list on a tablet paper of dues received and expenses paid....with this the club was in debt.

"This was the first official election the FTA ever had. Hoffman wanted me to run against Grube for Secretary/Treasurer. I won. I held this job for quite some years, until my personal work load made me give it up. Besides putting in a five day work week I was doing the wash, the grocery shopping, the yard work, paying the bills on top of the Club work of getting out the Bulletin, handling the treasury end of it, ordering the bands, mailing the bands, and answering correspondence....I had a breakdown and the doctor told my wife I had to cut out some of the load....she took over the bills, and I unloaded the Club work.

"So in October of 1953 by mutual officer agreement I passed the records and a treasury balance of $104.12 to Harold Doellinger of Marysville, Ohio. Then on January 20, 1956 Harold had to give up due to business commitments and returned the workload to me with a treasury balance of $142.16. I kept it again until January 1964, and again by mutual officer agreement, I passed the records and a treasury balance of $128.38 to Perc Hagan.

"From here on in, for a while, I had no position in the Club, and am not fully aware of just what happened, except that two different Baltimore men wound up as President after Hoffman had to give up his birds, and refused to answer even my letters to him. Not a word, until his wife wrote me a short note when Bill died.

"It was in this transition period, when I was out of Club touch, did not even get a Bulletin, even though I was a life member. Until, one night I received a call from Jack Ehli out in Oregon. Ehli wanted to reorganize the Club with me as President, if I'd take it. I forget just what date in time this happened, but Dave Jordan was then Secretary/Treasurer, and I won the election for President defeating Bob Hinz of Baltimore.

"Soon after that as you may possibly know, Jordan danged near lost the Club and the Tippler Special. He lost his job, his wife, and later it develops he skipped town leaving a garage full of dead and starving birds. The police were after him...I don't know if they ever caught him or not.

"Meantime, Nasser Shirakbari was located and took over as Secretary/Treasurer. This through the auspices of Jack Ehli. But, the Club records and all the Tippler Special materials were so to say missing, and Nasser started with a -0- treasury.

"Some of us kicked in some substantial cash to get the Club back on a financial basis....a drive for membership was started....and Hagan and I kept on Ehli's back so much, he finally contacted the police....found out the story on Jordan, got the Tippler Special materials from the deserted home of Jordan....but to my knowledge no Club records. Nasser pulled the Tippler Special off by the skin of his teeth.

"Then along comes Tim Kvidera to take the load off Nasser's back. That is the story to date."

The Tippler Special referred to by Bob Funk was the September, 1971 American Pigeon Journal issue which has long since been a collectors item. Nasser did a great job coordinating it and pulling the FTA back together. By 1975 Nasser, a pharmacist, decided to purchase a drug store and go into business for himself. That, along with a young family, left little time for the FTA or Tipplers. Tim Kvidera was asked, and accepted the position of FTA Secretary/Treasurer.

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The growth of the Club initiated by Funk/Shirakbari continued into the mid 1980's. FTA membership swelled to almost 150 and there were some FTA flying contests with over two dozen entrants. Two Flying Tippler special issues were published in the now defunct Pigeon Review magazine. They were both coordinated by Stanley Ogozalek, with help from Wayne Tomsic on the first one, and contain a wealth of Tippler information with many photographs. Again they quickly became collectors items. If you can find either the May, 1980 or May, 1983 issues of the Pigeon Review they would be well worth the effort.

After ten years of service as Secretary/Treasurer Tim Kvidera opted for a less participatory office and was elected to the Board of Directors while Bill Kahlert won the Secretary/Treasurer position. About That time numerous proposals were submitted to the presidency for consideration as amendments to the FTA Constitution and Fly Rules. These were sporadically discussed via Officers' Communications, but before any conclusions were achieved or proposals submitted to the membership for action the President withdrew from active FTA participation and started another club.

Stanley Ogozalek took over the Secretary/Treasurer position from Kahlert and tried to pull things together for a couple years without much help. Direction in the FTA faltered for a while until Felix Kahn took over from Stan as Secretary/Treasurer. Felix brought professionalism to the publication of the FTA Bulletin, and included a lot of biochemical and physiological science to many of the articles published in the Bulletins. Felix also knew where he wanted the FTA to go and made and published numerous changes on his own without consultation with the Board, let alone approval. When called on it, he resigned in mid-term.

Somehow S. Robert Powell was found in early 1990 to fill in as Secretary and Walter Weichec to assume the Treasurer's duties. Powell did a fantastic job of picking up the pieces, maintaining the organization and publishing informative Bulletins.

In the December, 1990 elections Tim Kvidera was nominated for numerous offices and wrote to decline all but the Board of Directors. Somehow the letter never got to Powell and Kvidera got elected to FTA President. Not wanting to interfere with Divine providence, he accepted the position.

In 1994 Jerry O'Rourke, who had been doing a great job as Central Timer, assumed the Treasurer's position. By 1995 a career change and associated demands required Powell to step down and Joe Russo stepped forward to be FTA Secretary. Jerry and Joe work very well as a team and combine their efforts to publish informative quarterly Bulletins.

In 1997, after years of evaluation, debate and balloting a thorough re-write of the FTA Constitution and Fly Rules was published. Ribbons have been purchased to award to first, second and third placing kits in our FTA flying contests. A Winter Series of competition has been added to compliment the traditional Spring, Summer and Fall Series flys. Season pass fly entry is in place. Participation in FTA activities is improving. The club is on the move -- and in a positive direction.

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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Fly Entry -- $3 per fly
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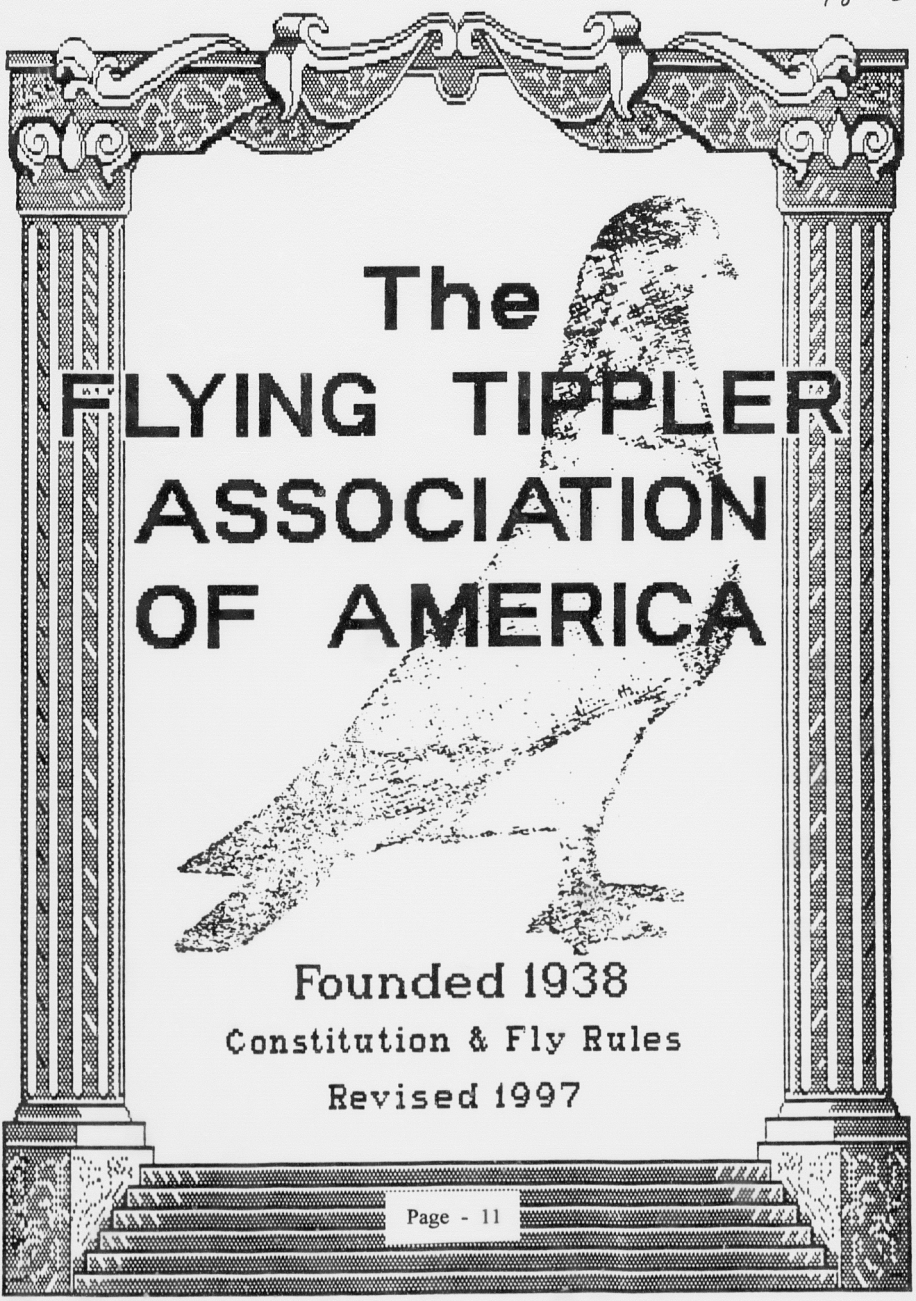
# FTA Membership Endurance Records

While going through the auditing and verification of the flying records Jerry suggested that we also do something to recognize the long standing members of the Flying Tippler Association and he dug through the club files and came up with the following tabulation of those who have been continuous members for a long time. All joined up prior to 1990.

| Member Name | FTA Member Since |
|---|---|
| 1. Tim Kvidera | January, 1970 |
| 2. Stanley Ogozalek | January 1972 |
| Ed Young | January 1972 |
| 3. Bela Kiss | February, 1972 |
| 4. Wayne Tomsic | June, 1972 |
| 5. Ed Buraczewski | January, 1973 |
| 6. Smail Basic | January, 1978 |
| Paul Bongiovanni | January, 1978 |
| 7. Oskar Zovich | March, 1978 |
| 8. Walter Weichec | November, 1979 |
| 9. Robert Rugaber | January, 1980 |
| 10. Joe Contala | March, 1981 |
| 11. Wayne Love | March, 1982 |
| 12. Stan Seibel | March, 1983 |
| 13. Milan Kobulsky | December, 1984 |
| 14. S. Robert Powell | October, 1985 |
| 15. William S. Baker | February, 1987 |
| 16. Udo Begert | March, 1988 |
| 17. Anton Van Dalen | March, 1988 |
| 18. Dale Peters | May, 1988 |
| 19. Jerry O'Rourke | November, 1988 |
| * Paul Rado | April, 1979 |

* Paul gets an honorable mention. Although he started in 1979, he had a five year absence before rejoining in 1996.

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# The FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Founded 1938

Constitution & Fly Rules

Revised 1997

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# OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION
# OF THE
# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## ARTICLE I
### Name

**Section 1.** This association shall be known as the "Flying Tippler Association of America." Wherever used in these documents the acronym "FTA" or the single word "Association," when capitalized, shall stand for the full name of the organization.

**Section 2.** The subordinate units of this Association shall be known as "Local Clubs."

## ARTICLE II
### Purposes

**Section 1.** The primary purposes of this Association shall be as follows: to provide a centralized organization for the flying tippler fancier and Local Clubs: to promote and regulate the sport in Association competition: to encourage by promotion of competitions, exhibitions, and by the general management and control of the tippler fancy shall thereby further the interest of all fanciers in the flying tippler pigeon.

## ARTICLE III
### Membership

**Section 1.** Any person regardless of race, color, sex, creed or national origin, shall be eligible for active membership in this Association.

**Section 2.** Any misconduct on the part of a member, or charge of dishonorable dealing, shall be investigated and if found guilty, he or she will be expelled from the Association.

**Section 3.** (a) Any person less than eighteen years of age will be designated as a junior member with no rights to vote.

(b) A junior member at any age may compete in official competition if the member can secure Qualified Timer as defined in Article V, Sec. 1.

(c) A junior member who has reached the age of 13, may act as a Timer for another junior member or a senior member in Official Flying Competitions, if the member can fulfill the requirements for Timer, Article V, Sec.1.

**Section 4.** All senior members shall have the right to vote and hold office, provided the requirements of Section 1 of Article VI are satisfied with respect to eligibility for election or appointment to national office.

**Section 5.** Local Club Membership - The Association will accept a Local Club membership after receiving a petition signed by three FTA members of that Local club. Upon acceptance, the Local Club shall be subject to the Constitution, Fly Rules and policies as set down by the Association as long as the Local Club remains active. Activity requires at least an annual meeting of the Local Club, and that at least three Association members be among the local club membership. Should the Local Club not have a representative on the Association Executive Board by way of the Association's bi-annual election said Local Club may select one of its Association members to be designated as the Local Club representative to the FTA.

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**Section 6.** The Association shall award no more than one designation or appointment as Life Member in any two calendar years. This award will be made at the time of our bi-annual election. To be eligible the nominated member must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years.

## ARTICLE IV
### Dues

**Section 1.** Annual dues for senior and junior members to be set by the Executive Board and reviewed as needed for the financial stability of the Association.

**Section 2.** The membership will be effective for the January 1, through December 31, calendar year. Dues are received by Treasurer. The Secretary or Treasurer will notify each member in advance for renewal before the expiration date.

## ARTICLE V
### Flying Systems

**Section 1. Official System.** A FTA member may fly under the Official system by securing a Timer or Judge. It will no longer be necessary for a flyer to have a Local Club in the area. It is only necessary that the Timer or Judge be known as a Tippler Fancier, and a member of the FTA in good standing but not related to the flyer by blood or marriage or his or her loft partner. Non FTA members are permitted to be Timers in the Association's Official System contests if reviewed and accepted by a recognized Tippler organization as a Timer and notification of such acceptance is forwarded to the Association President and Central Timer prior to the fly.

**Section 2. Honor System.** Any member who cannot secure the services of qualified "Timer" may compete under the Honor System. Times flown in the Honor System shall be kept separate from the Official System. Also any record flown under this system may not be honored as club, national or world record, with the exception of the FTA Honor System record.

## ARTICLE VI
### Officers

**Section 1.** Any member of this Association is eligible for election or appointment to National Office if said member has been a member in good standing of this Association during the one (1) calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which said member is elected or appointed to national office.

**Section 2.** Duly elected officers shall assume their duties on the first day of January and the term of Offices shall be for two (2) years.

**Section 3.** The elected officers of this Association shall be:

(a) A National President.
(b) A Secretary.
(c) A Treasurer.
(d) Two (2) Vice-Presidents an Eastern and Western Vice-President without designation of rank.
(e) Board of Directors--Five FTA members elected at large.
(f) Local Club Representative--An FTA member elected by Local Club.
(g) Publicity Director.

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**Section 4. Duties of Office.**

(a) **National President** -- It shall be the duty of the National President to preside at all Association meetings and to govern the Association and exercise the usual functions of the presiding officer; he shall cast the deciding vote in all cases of a tie in Executive Board decisions.

(b) **Secretary** -- It shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish a receipt to the National President for such funds as are turned over to him by outgoing officers, and execute an inventory for such property as he may receive from his predecessor upon entering officer. He shall keep copy of the minutes of all association meeting and conduct all correspondence of the Association. He shall edit and publish the FTA Bulletin and distribute it to all members. Secretary may receive a salary of 10% of the year end book balance plus dues and bands paid.

(c) **Treasurer** -- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to furnish a receipt to the National President for such funds as are turned over to him by outgoing officers and execute an inventory for such property as he may receive from his predecessor upon entering office. He shall be custodian of all funds and properties belonging to the Association, pay all bills and expenses of same when authorized to do so. He shall order all bands and issue seamless bands on January 10 of every year, also throughout the year (unless sold out) until November of said year as ordered. There will be a charge set by the Executive Board for FTA seamless bands which shall be sold in multiples of twenty-five (25) only. HE SHALL SELL BANDS TO FTA MEMBERS ONLY. He shall keep an accurate record of all bands sold and to whom the bands are sold. He shall at the end of each year (December 31) prepare a financial statement showing income, expenditures, book balance, amount of deposit in bank, and any cash assets. He shall be prepared to present all receipts and documents relating to such financial statement. He should also take inventory of all FTA belongings. The complete financial and inventory report is to be published in the first quarter FTA Bulletin. He shall also submit a report to the Execute Board semiannually. Treasurer may receive a salary of up to 10% of the year end book balance plus dues and bands paid.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one individual if the need arises.

(d) **Eastern Vice-President** -- In the absence of the National President, or in the event of his inability to act, the Eastern Vice President will act as the presiding officer at any Association meeting or functions east of the Mississippi River.

**Western Vice President** -- In the absence of the National President, or in the event of his inability to act, the Western Vice-President will act as the presiding officer at any Association meeting club functions west of the Mississippi River.

(e) **Board of Directors** -- There shall be a Board of Directors made up of five (5) elected members of the Association who shall assist in all decisions made by the Executive Board in regard to Association business and functions.

(f) **Publicity Director** -- It shall be the duties of the Publicity Director to publish articles of interest in the various pigeon publications to make the Association better known to its members and also potential future members. Should the Publicity Director not be elected to one of the other offices on the Executive Board, he shall be sent a copy of all Executive Board communications to be kept abreast of Association activities.

(g) **Central Timer** -- It shall be an appointed position: this appointment is done by the Executive Board. Said person may be a non-flyer, but a member of the Association in good standing and of honest repute. All correspondence concerning Association participation in flying competitions shall be the Central Timer's duty. The Central

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Timer shall keep a record of all entry fees received and forward such to the Treasurer. Central Timer will receive Timer's Report Forms from fly participants and, in a timely manner, compile fly results and report such results to the participating flyers after the competition of each fly; send all fees received to the Treasurer; send entrant's Timer's Report Forms and a complete flying report to the Secretary; and furnish a flying report to the Publicity Director.

**Section 5. Executive Board.** - The Executive Board shall be made up of the following officers: the National President, Eastern Vice-President, Western Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Local Club Representatives. The duty of the Executive Board shall be to decide upon all Association policies until the next bi-annual Election.

## ARTICLE VII
### Flying Competition

**Flying Competition** - The Association shall set dates for 13 competitions consisting of both a Saturday and Sunday. These 13 flying dates shall be broken down into four flying series.
**Weekday flying** - Those who cannot participate in the weekend FTA competitions may petition the Board to be allowed to choose consecutive weekdays during the week prior to the fly weekend.
**Flying Competition**: Winter Series - Any age kits
Spring Series - Old bird kits
Summer Series - Any age kits
Fall Series - Young bird kits only, followed by a Stock Fly made up of eight or more any age birds.
**Entry Fees** - There shall be a fee for each flying competition set by the Executive Board.
**Awards** - There shall be a recognition awarded to the winner of each Flying Competition who flys according to the Flying Rules of the Association, provided such fly has reached six (6) hours or more. Diplomas are awarded to all kits which fly eight (8) or more hours in FTA competition.
**Aggregate time** - The FTA Aggregate diplomas are awarded to the flyer with the highest summation of time flown in three of the four series in each competition year.

## ARTICLE VIII
### Affiliations

The FTA shall be affiliated with the National Pigeon Association and the American Pigeon Fanciers Council.

## ARTICLE IX
### Exhibitions

The Association shall hold one official meeting open to all members in conjunction with the NPA Grand National Pigeon Show. The National Show shall always be held in conjunction with the Grand National Pigeon Show, when said show is held in an area in which as Association member is willing to coordinate the FTA meet and meeting.

## ARTICLE X
### Amendments

**Section 1.** All amendments to either the Constitution or Fly Rules must be accepted by a majority vote of the Association membership during the time of the bi-annual election or a special election if deemed warranted by the Executive Board.

**Section 2. Procedure.**

(a) Proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Association President and Secretary.

(b) During Officers' Communications, the Executive Board will discuss the merit of the proposed amendment and, no sooner than two communications later, they will ballot as to whether the proposal merits general membership consideration.

(c) By majority vote, if the Executive Board decides the proposal warrants membership consideration, the proposed amendment will be carried with a brief discussion of its ramifications in the FTA bulletin.

(d) Membership will be allowed until the next bulletin to forward their comments to the President and Secretary for publication in the bulletin.

(e) The proposed amendment will be listed on the next general membership ballot, issued no sooner than the bulletin after proposal introduction, and the decision rendered by a majority vote of ballots returned.

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
# FLYING RULES

1. Each flyer to fly minimum of three (3) to a maximum of seven (7) Tipplers in FTA competition excluding the Stock Fly where a minimum of eight (8) birds are required. Stock kits may be flown in any scheduled competition and compete on par with regular sized kits.

2. The kit longest on wing to win, providing that there are no objections made against them (kit and/or flyer) and that the kit flies to the following rules.

3. The FTA will not designate an official starting time, but will leave this up to the option of the Local Club or flyer. However, the Timer must be on hand to check the band numbers of each kit bird and to observe the release.

4. All competing birds must be banded with a reputable size 'A' seamless band showing the year, number and organization thereon, i.e., FTA, NPA, APC, UPF, or Local Club.

5. In Young Bird Series, only youngsters banded with recognized Tippler organization (i.e., - FTA, FTS, ATU, OTU, etc.) bands are eligible.. Young birds may compete in old bird contests.

6. In any Association competition a flyer found flying birds with stretched or tampered bands shall be disqualified.

7. Record Flys
   a. A record may be [illegible] soldier in a scheduled or in a prearranged fly. The flyer is required to have [illegible] Timer. If a record is accomplished, it must pass a two thirds majority vote [illegible] Board before being accepted as a club record.

   b. In a prearranged fly, the [illegible] inform the Central Timer and Secretary of the flyer's intentions a minimum of five (5) days prior to the fly date, and submit the name of the Timer and the date of fly.

   c. If a record is broken, a detailed flying report must be turned into the Local Club, and copies mailed to the FTA Central Timer and the Secretary within 24 hours following the fly.

8. Kit to be liberated no earlier than one hour prior to sunrise as stated in the local newspaper in that area, and released no later than ten A.M. on the morning of the fly, and at the termination of the fly settled within the Flyer's boundary, trapped and checked in by the Timer. In checking in, Timer must compare the band numbers of each kit bird with those numbers taken at the time of release.

9. Kit still on the wing at 12:00 midnight will be considered still on the same fly day until dropped and trapped, or disqualified for infractions of the flying rules.

10. Time is to be taken when; bird drops from kit without inducement, droppers put out, or dropping lights put on. Elapsed flying time determined by the difference between earliest of these times and the time of liberation.

11. Timer is free to judge from whatever location he considers best to verify that the kit is performing in compliance with the competition rules.

12. When first bird drops without inducement, droppers put out or dropping lights turned on, flyer has (1) hour to settle and trap the entire kit or be disqualified.

13. Non-Kit Birds

a. DROPPER RULE -- Any breed other than Tippler may be used as a dropper working outside of a wire confinement or exposed directly to the flying kit. Tippler may be used in a wire confinement but not exposed directly to the flying kit at anytime during dropping and trapping period or anytime thereafter until band numbers are checked.

b. RETURNING BIRD -- Should any bird(s) return to flyer's loft during the flying period, time shall be noted, a description given, band number taken, and matter decided by the Executive Board.

14. Kit must be released within the flyer's boundary.

15. Flyer's boundary is 100 feet radius from center of flying loft.

16. Any bird settling within flyer's boundary at starting time, five (5) minutes from starting time shall be allowed flyer to get it on the wing again, should he fail to do so in the time limit, he shall be disqualified.

17. Birds dropping outside of flyer's boundary, time is to be taken and flyer is to be disqualified.

18. Any flyer's birds raking away from the sight of the Timer during the first 2 1/2 hours of the fly, shall be allowed the remainder of the first 2 1/2 hours or one hour, whichever longer, for birds to reappear in sight. Thereafter kit must be seen at least once an hour until the conclusion of the fly.

19. Should the Timer see just cause for disqualification, the Timer must acquaint the flyer of the reason, before leaving.

20. If a Timer refuses to sign a Timer's report, the flyer may submit it to the Central Timer with a complete report by both the flyer and the Timer and the fly will be taken under consideration by the Executive Board if the Central Timer feels it merits their consideration.

21. The Timer is to have access to any location he is appointed to judge.

22. Any Flyer insulting or hindering the Timer in the execution of his duties shall be disqualified. A report of the incident filed with the Executive Board by the Timer involved.

23. Anyone who is a FTA member, known as a Tippler fancier, not related to the flyer by blood or marriage, and not the flyer's partner, may act as a Timer if familiar with the Flying Rules and not barred from flying or being a Timer by the FTA or other Tippler organizations. Any pigeon fancier, preferably a Tippler Fancier who is approved by the recognized Tippler organization, may serve as a Timer for any FTA member. He does not have to be a member of the FTA. His Tippler organization acceptance must be sent to the FTA President and Central Timer.

24. A Timer may be relieved at any time during the day, but he must not leave until the relief Timer has arrived and been briefed and the band numbers of the kit given to that person. Both Timers must sign the Flying Report and state time that the relief Timer took over.

25. If the kit is on a split, not able to all be seen by the Timer at the same time, the flyer has thirty minutes to decide whether he will drop his kit or take a chance on their getting together. If he drops them within the hour limit, he gets credit for the time flown up to the time dropper is released. If the kit does not drop, flyer is disqualified. Should the flyer opt not to drop the kit and they can all be verified as flying, no matter how far apart they may be, time is allowed to continue until termination of the fly.

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26. Should flyer decide to drop the kit, he should inform the Timer of his intentions to do so, and method of the drop. If eligible to drop kit, time is to be taken when method of drop is acted upon.

27. No gadgets or whistles are to be attached to birds in competition.

28. No one is allowed near the flying loft while the kit is flying, except with the permission of the Timer.

29. No flyer is to alter the appearance of the loft in any way within the seven (7) day period prior to the competition date.

30. Any nuisance belonging to the premises must not be allowed in the area during the competition.

31. The flying report must contain the following information: Date, name and address of flyer, age and sex of kit birds, starting and finishing times, number of birds in kit, band numbers of kit birds, time flown, summary of weather conditions and general remarks. Report must be complete and accurate, containing all the required information.

32. A copy of the flying report should be submitted to the Local Club, and the Timer's report to the FTA Central Timer. Submit in person or by mail within 24 hours after the fly.

33. Any circumstances arising that are not governed by the foregoing rules, the Executive Board shall have full power to act thereon, and their decisions in all matters will be final.

34. Band numbers of kit birds to be noted on flying report by the Timer before releasing the kit.

35. Upon being dropped and trapped, band numbers to be compared with aforementioned list. If not identical, flyer disqualified.

36. DRIVING BIRDS - Any person frightening birds or causing them to be frightened or chased, either directly or indirectly, the Timer shall satisfy himself that the flyer did not personally frighten his kit, or induce outsiders to do so. Otherwise, time shall be noted on flying report, and a complete report of the incident shall be submitted to the Central Timer. The Timer however, continues to time until the kit drops. Both times to be shown on flying report. Executive Board to rule on the matter and decide whether the kit is to be disqualified at the time of the incident or fly credited to the time of normal termination.

37. Lights may be used prior to release, to handle of kit, to verify band numbers, etc., but all artificial lighting in loft must be extinguished before the kit is released.

38. The use of artificial lighting when dropping the kit after dark will be permitted under the following rules:

    a. Any competitor's kit flying until dark (dark will be considered that period of time falling ten (10) minutes after official local weather bureau designated time for sunset) may continue to fly in competition as long as they can be seen at least once each hour.

    b. Birds are termed as still being a kit if they can all be seen in the dark at the same time, regardless of how far apart they are flying. No artificial lighting may be used for this task. Kit must be seen once each hour during dark flying.

    c. If the kit is seen to be split up after dark refer to rule #25.

    d. When flyer wishes to drop kit, he must inform the Timer that he is going to turn on dropping lights and the Timer will take time.

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e. The flyer will have one (1) hour from the time lights are turned on to drop and trap kit. Flyer may catch any bird actually roosting within the boundary. If not done in time limit, flyer will be disqualified.

f. If the whole kit is seen together after the lights have been put on, time is to be taken when lights were first shown, even though birds have not been seen within the hour allowed.

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## ENDURANCE FLYING RECORDS

### Official System

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Old Birds | M. Beat | 18:05* | 1992 |
| Young Birds | S. Basic | 16:06* | 1998 |
| Stock Kit | M. Kobulsky | 11:34 | 1989 |

### Honor System

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Old Birds | M. Beat | 16:03* | 1990 |
| Young Birds | R. Dubuc | 16:25* | 1960 |
| Stock Kit | J. Smith | 11:03* | 1980 |

* each of these times are also recognized as the respective North American Records

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# ENDURANCE FLYING RECORDS

## From around the world

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **World Records** | Old Bird | 22:05 | 1995 | Shannon | Lisburn, Ireland |
| | Yng Bird | 19:40 | 1993 | Shannon | Lisburn, Ireland |

### Country Records

| Country | OB/YB | Time | Year | Flyer, City |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Austria | Old Bird | 13:22 | 1998 | Ujj, Wein |
| | Yng Bird | 13:53 | 1997 | Ujj, Wein |
| Belgium | Old Bird | 19:20 | 1993 | van Ouwerkerk, Brasschaat |
| | Yng Bird | 18:25 | 1991 | van Ouwerkerk, Braaschaat |
| Brazil | Old Bird | 5:36 | 1965 | Brill, Florianopolis |
| | Yng Bird | 4:50 | 1964 | Brill, Florianopolis |
| Canada | Old Bird | 17:29 | 1966 | Vertolli, Toronto, Ont. |
| | Yng Bird | 16:06 | 1998 | Basic, Rexdale, Ont. |
| Czech Republic | Old Bird | 17:29 | 1997 | Fendrich, Lubnik |
| | Yng Bird | 15:14 | 1983 | Hotovy, Prag |
| Croatia | Old Bird | 17:38 | 1996 | Higi, Osijek |
| | Yng Bird | 14:05 | 1992 | Bunoza, Orahovica |
| Denmark* | Old Bird | 1:30 | 1996 | Bondebjerg, Almind, 275 points for highflying |
| England | Old Bird | 21:21 | 1994 | Anslow, Tipton |
| | Yng Bird | 19:34 | 1990 | Plester, Birmingham |
| France | Old Bird | 17:25 | 1997 | Vulic, Stains |
| | Yng Bird | 12:16 | 1997 | Vulic, Stains |
| Germany | Old Bird | 19:41 | 1989 | Hardtke, Bergkamen |
| | Yng Bird | 18:30 | 1995 | Eichberg, Dassow |

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## Country Records, continued

| Country | OB/YB | Time | Year | Flyer, City |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hungary | Old Bird | 16:15 | 1986 | Banyai (24 birds) |
| | Yng Bird | 14:55 | 1996 | Berkes, Györ |
| India* | | 18:30 | 1997 | Shanmugam, Coimbatore |
| Netherlands | Old Bird | 20:02 | 1989 | van der Werf, Oosterbierum |
| | Yng Bird | 19:23 | 1997 | Chenarie, Harderwijk |
| Northern Ireland | Old Birds | 22:05 | 1995 | Shannon, Lisburn |
| | Yng Bird | 19:40 | 1993 | Shannon, Lisburn |
| Romania | Old Bird | 18:13 | 1989 | Tyioran, Cluj |
| | Yng Bird | 17:10 | 1989 | Tyioran, Cluj |
| Scotland | Old Bird | 18:04 | 1981 | Byrne, Abronhill |
| | Yng Bird | 13:10 | 1981 | Byrne, Abronhill |
| Slovakia | Old Bird | 15:37 | 1994 | Kuchar, Trebatice |
| | Yng Bird | 14:57 | 1992 | Janik, Bratislava |
| Switzerland | Old Bird | 18:07 | 1980 | Dr. Krnja-Aman, Aarau |
| | Yng Bird | 17:55 | 1987 | Dr. Krnja-Aman, Aarau |
| United States | Old Bird | 18:05 | 1992 | Beat, Downey, CA |
| | Yng Bird | 14:38 | 1988 | Zamanian, Placentia, CA |
| Wales | Old Bird | 20:20 | 1974 | Coughlin, Mayhill, Swansea |
| | Yng Bird | 18:12 | 1997 | Dower & Sohn, Morriston, Swansea |
| Yugoslavia | Old Bird | 20:00 | 1997 | Keri, Alexa Santic |
| | Yng Bird | 17:14 | 1994 | Keri, Alexa Santic |

* These flys not flown per NTU type flying rules

As of 9/98 per H. Kaupschäfer records file

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### INTRODUCTION

The FTA Hall of Fame Flys are a tabulation of the twenty best flying times flown in the respective contests in recent times, since late 1960's, for which we have FTA Bulletin evidence to support. The basis of this record was initiated in 1982 by the research of Omer Ogren, a dairy farmer in Texas, who wanted something to keep busy with during the "slow" time of the winter. Omer not only suggested the project, he was willing to do the work, and in the February, 1983 FTA Bulletin the results, an article titled "Stats 'N Stuff," were published listing the top ten times flown in each FTA fly, both Official and Honor Systems. Omer suggested that these Honor Rolls be kept and updated annually.

In 1987, S. Robert Powell added the "Honorable Mention" list to the Honor Rolls which tabulated the 11th through 20th best times for each contest too. Since the August, 1991 FTA Bulletin these two lists have been combined and issued by Jerry O'Rourke as the "Twenty Best Times" for each contest.

In 1998, Jerry O'Rourke and Tim Kvidera took on the task of thoroughly auditing the current listings and including more information, as attainable -- kit bird band numbers and sex. The finished result has gone through another name metamorphosis and is presented herein as the Hall of Fame Flys.

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### OLD BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | FTA Fly | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. Beat | 18:05 | Summer II | 1992 | OB | 2c,1h | '91- 1151,1155,1175 |
| 2 | O. Zovich | 17:22 | Summer II | 1998 | OB | 4h | '97-187,189,1462,1458 |
| 3 | O. Zovich | 17:06 | Spring III | 1998 | OB | 5h | '97-187,189,1462,1458,2197 |
| 4 | O. Zovich | 16:50 | Summer II | 1992 | OB | 4h | '91-381,408,400,246 |
| 5 | O. Zovich | 16:49 | Summer II | 1991 | OB | 3h | '90-76,80,666 |
| 6 | O. Zovich | 16:31 | Summer II | 1984 | OB | 3c | '83-450,4983,4992 |
| 7 | S. Basic | 16:24 | Spring III | 1992 | OB | 2c,1h | '91-307,339,147 |
| 8 | O. Zovich | 16:23 | Summer II | 1985 | OB | 3c | '83-450,' 84-724,747 |
| 9 | A. Lukez | 16:21 | Spring III | 1985 | OB | 2c,1h | '83-248,' 84-2101,2103 |
| 10 | A. Lukez | 16:20 | Summer II | 1990 | Mixed | 5 | '88-405,406,' 90-351,355,356 |
| 11 | L. Kapac | 16:13 | Summer II | 1993 | OB | 3h | '92-1541,1542,1545 |
| 12 | O. Zovich | 16:12 | Spring III | 1992 | OB | 4h | '91-246,381,400,408 |
| 13 | A. Lukez | 16:10 | Spring III | 1984 | OB | 3h | '81-516,548,' 82-3021 |
| 14 | M. Kobulsky | 16:09 | Summer II | 1986 | OB | 3c | '85-181,177,164 |
| 15 | M. Kobulsky | 16:03 | Summer II | 1988 | OB | 3c | '85-177,' 86-1870, ' 87-674 |
| | O. Zovich | 16:03 | Spring I | 1998 | OB | 7h | '97-182,187,189,1458,1462, 2197,2322 |
| 16 | G. Chater | 16:00 | Spring III | 1984 | OB | 5c | '83-1006,1017,1029,1039,1085 |
| | O. Zovich | 16:00 | Spring II | 1992 | OB | 7c | '91-2,25,69,17,67,22,24 |
| 17 | O. Zovich | 15:59 | Spring II | 1995 | OB | 5c | '94-132,133,138,318,336 |
| 18 | D. Kinnear | 15:47 | Spring II | 1986 | OB | 4c | '85-1014,1016,1035,1037 |
| 19 | R. Seabridge | 15:46 | Summer II | 1983 | OB | 4h | '82-256,332,335,336 |
| 20 | S. Bliszcz | 15:45 | Summer II | 1977 | OB | 3 | '75-910,911,' 76-181 |

Note -- Mixed aged kits compete as old birds

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### OLD BIRDS

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | FTA Fly | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. Beat | 16:03 | Summer II | 1990 | Mixed | 2c,1h | ' 89-935,950,' 90-1001 |
| 2 | M. Kobulsky | 15:32 | Spring III | 1990 | OB | 2c,1h | ' 89-232,233,247 |
| | H. Ahmadi | 15:32 | Spring II | 1994 | OB | 3c | ' 92-840,3022,' 93-2183 |
| 3 | S. Ferguson | 15:17 | Spring III | 1980 | OB | 3c | ' 78-4235,' 79-608,3806 |
| 4 | T. Kvidera | 15:12 | Spring III | 1976 | OB | 3h | ' 74-256,265,266 |
| | S. Ferguson | 15:12 | Spring II | 1979 | OB | 3c | ' 78-2962,4248,4235 |
| 5 | S. Ogozalek | 15:08 | Spring III | 1993 | OB | 2c,1h | ' 92-1311,1335,1340 |
| 6 | E. R. Ball | 15:07 | Spring III | 1974 | OB | 3c | ' 73-3305,3302,3310 |
| | L. Kapac | 15:07 | Spring II | 1995 | OB | 3h | ' 93-1131,' 94-629,635 |
| 7 | R. Kehrer | 15:01 | Spring II | 1994 | OB | 3c | ' 93-70,72,953 |
| 8 | E. R. Ball | 14:51 | Spring II | 1975 | OB | 3c | ' 73-3302,3305,3310 |
| 9 | R. Bauman | 14:44 | Summer II | 1984 | OB | 2h,1c | ' 83-4753,4755,4756 |
| 10 | S. Ogozalek | 14:38 | Spring II | 1990 | OB | 3c | ' 89-107,108,115 |
| 11 | S. Ferguson | 14:30 | Spring I | 1980 | OB | 3c | ' 78-4235,' 79-608,3806 |
| 12 | R. Kehrer | 14:21 | Spring I | 1993 | OB | 2c,1h | ' 90-1681,' 1402,' 92-1394 |
| 13 | T. Mirseyedi | 14:20 | Spring III | 1993 | OB | 3h | ' 92-610,633,645 |
| | J. Russo | 14:20 | Spring II | 1995 | OB | 5h | ' 92-1381,' 93-19,24,' 94-4,24 |
| 14 | H. Johnson | 14:17 | Summer II | 1977 | Mixed | 3 | ' 74-923,' 77-13,14 |
| 15 | F. Ratel | 14:16 | Spring III | 1978 | OB | 3 | ' 77-1276,1284,1287 |
| 16 | S. R. Powell | 14:14 | Spring III | 1987 | OB | 4 | ' 86-1207,1213,1214,4213 |
| 17 | S. Basic | 14:08 | Spring I | 1996 | OB | 3h | ' 95-76,87,61 |
| 18 | L. Brozna | 14:05 | Summer II | 1982 | OB | 3 | ' 81-987,988,1335 |
| 19 | L. Brozna | 14:00 | Spring II | 1988 | OB | 4c | ' 87-202,215,213,220 |
| 20 | B. Conboy | 13:58 | Spring I | 1975 | OB | 5c | ' 73-18,' 74-44,109,110,116 |

Note -- Mixed aged kits compete as old birds

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### YOUNG BIRDS

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | FTA Fly | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | S. Basic | 16:06 | Summer I | 1998 | YB | 3-c,h,c | '98-1261,1274,1273 |
| 2 | G. Chater | 16:02 | Summer III | 1985 | YB | 5 | '85-1674,1677,1687,1691,1696 |
| 3 | S. Basic | 15:47 | Summer I | 1988 | YB | 4 | '88-681,661,688,658 |
| 4 | S. Basic | 15:20 | Summer I | 1986 | YB | 3 | '86-2181,2191,344 |
| 5 | S. Basic | 15:08 | Summer I | 1989 | YB | 3 | '89-1381,1388,1398 |
| 6 | G. Chater | 14:38 | Summer III | 1984 | YB | 3 | '84-2212,2225,2226 |
| | S. Basic | 14:38 | Summer II | 1992 | YB | 3 | '92-1021,1031,1041 |
| 7 | M. Kobulsky | 14:37 | Summer III | 1988 | YB | 4 | '88-454,457,460,476 |
| 8 | S. Basic | 14:24 | Summer I | 1985 | YB | 3 | '85-2924,2928,2944 |
| 9 | G. Chater | 14:20 | Summer I | 1985 | YB | 5 | '85-1677,1680,1687,1689,1691 |
| 10 | A. Lukez | 13:59 | Summer III | 1989 | YB | 3 | '89-505,506,514 |
| 11 | K. Zamanian | 13:55 | Summer III | 1988 | YB | 3 | '88-1571,1560,1568 |
| 12 | D. Kinnear | 13:26 | Summer I | 1985 | YB | 3h | '85-1004,1017,1021 |
| 13 | B. Rotschi | 13:25 | Summer I | 1974 | YB | | unknown |
| 14 | S. Basic | 13:03 | Summer I | 1983 | YB | 3 | '83-2808,2828,2832 |
| 15 | F. Mirzaagha | 13:01 | Fall I | 1992 | YB | 7 | '92-952,953,974,978,979,989,992 |
| 16 | W. Kahlert | 13:00 | Fall I | 1985 | YB | 3 | '85-237,252,4983 |
| 17 | J. Mead | 12:59 | Fall I | 1984 | YB | 3 | '84-3643,3644,3601 |
| 18 | S. Basic | 12:54 | Summer I | 1981 | YB | 3 | '81-3134,3171,3154 |
| 19 | R. Seabridge | 12:47 | Fall I | 1985 | YB | 7 | '85-20,29,33,37,38,43,44 |
| 20 | S. Basic | 12:46 | Summer III | 1994 | YB | 3 | '94-251,259,269 |

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### BEST FLYING TIMES

### YOUNG BIRDS

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | FTA Fly | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | T. Kvidera | 16:00 | Summer III | 1998 | YB | 2c,1h | ' 98-816,819,820 |
| 2 | T. Kvidera | 15:46 | Summer II | 1979 | YB | 4h | ' 79-913,914,918,919 |
| 3 | A. Lukez | 15:41 | Summer I | 1988 | YB | 4 | ' 88-405,406,408,409 |
| 4 | F. Ratel | 15:35 | Summer III | 1980 | YB | 6 | ' 80-241,243,244,245,246,248 |
| 5 | T. Kvidera | 15:32 | Summer III | 1981 | YB | 3h | ' 81,125,126,127 |
| 6 | A. Rajabnik | 15:11 | Summer II | 1992 | YB | 3 | ' 92-1320,1338,1339 |
| 7 | M. Kobulsky | 14:48 | Summer I | 1988 | YB | 3 | ' 88-454,457,460 |
| 8 | K. Zamanian | 14:38 | Summer II | 1988 | YB | 3 | ' 88-1560,1563,1568 |
| 9 | H. Ahmadi | 14:34 | Summer II | 1985 | YB | 4 | ' 85-1427,1428,1429,1431 |
| 10 | S. Ogozalek | 14:27 | Summer II | 1998 | YB | 4h | ' 98-137,143,144,1107 |
| 11 | S. Ogozalek | 14:01 | Summer I | 1998 | YB | 7 | ' 98-107,119,137,143,144,1107,1125 |
| 12 | A. Lukez | 13:45 | Summer III | 1984 | YB | 4 | ' 84-2101,2102,2103,2104 |
| 13 | F. Ratel | 13:35 | Summer III | 1978 | YB | 5 | ' 78-76,77,78,81,82 |
| 14 | M. Beedie | 13:32 | Summer III | 1984 | YB | 3 | ' 84-902,903,913 |
| 15 | F. Ratel | 13:10 | Fall III | 1980 | YB | 5 | ' 80-247,243,246,244,245 |
| 16 | T. Kvidera | 13:05 | Summer II | 1998 | YB | 2c,1h | ' 98-816,819,820 |
| 17 | S. Basic | 13:02 | Fall I | 1997 | YB | 5c | ' 97-608,609,625,647,650 |
| 18 | A. Lukez | 12:45 | Fall III | 1987 | YB | 3 | ' 87-138,3108,3112 |
| 19 | T. Mirseyedi | 12:07 | Summer II | 1993 | YB | 2h,1c | ' 93-508,510,512 |
| 20 | H. J. Smith | 12:02 | Summer III | 1995 | YB | 7 | ' 95-207,218,213,211,222,219,217 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

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### BEST FLYING TIMES

### STOCK FLY

* Note -- Effective 1997 stock kits may be flown in any FTA contest

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | FTA Fly | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. Kobulsky | 11:34 | Fall IV | 1989 | YB | 8c | ' 89-224,227,232,233,235,267, 292,297 |
| 2 | G. Chater | 11:27 | Fall IV | 1986 | Mixed | 8 | ' 85-1640,1646,1687,1699,1700, ' 86-3310,3320,3328 |
| 3 | D. Kinnear | 11:25 | Fall IV | 1985 | Mixed | 10c | ' 84-2716,2701,765,' 85-1011,1012, 1016,1018,1035,1037,170 |
| 4 | A. Lukez | 11:17 | Fall IV | 1983 | Mixed | 8 | ' 81-516,548,555,' 82-3021,3042, ' 83-241,248,249 |
| 5 | M. Kobulsky | 11:12 | Fall IV | 1987 | Mixed | 8 | ' 85-177,' 86-1885,1889,' 87-660, 661,674,3092,3102 |
| 6 | O. Zovich | 10:53 | Fall IV | 1987 | Mixed | 10 | ' 85-4439,' 86-54,67,90,41,548,549, 550,' 87-173,167 |
| 7 | D. Kinnear | 10:50 | Fall IV | 1984 | Mixed | 8 | ' 83-1697,' 84-2701,2713,2715,2716, 2746,2733,2726 |
| 8 | H. Langley | 10:44 | Fall IV | 1984 | YB | 12 | ' 84-828,823,826,827,825,824,2857, 2875,2871,2869,2861,2870 |
| 9 | O. Zovich | 10:35 | Fall IV | 1983 | Mixed | 16 | ' 82-855,' 83-408,417,419,421,436, 437,438,450,454,456,460,464,4983, 4984,4992 |
| 10 | L. Wittreich | 10:21 | Fall IV | 1985 | YB | 8 | ' 85-3303,3309,3314,3318,3319, 3333,3344,3360 |
| 11 | F. Ratel | 10:20 | Fall IV | 1978 | Mixed | 12 | ' 74-47,' 77-1276,1284,1296,' 78-82, 85,87,89,91,98,3204,3205 |
| 12 | W. Tomsic | 9:14 | Fall IV | 1983 | YB | 8 | ' 83-471,2142,316,324,332,357,366, 624 |
| 13 | G. Chater | 9:06 | Fall IV | 1981 | YB | 11 | ' 81-608,3309,3316,3318,3319,3320, 3328,3339,3342,3412,3425 |
| 14 | W. Tomsic | 8:54 | Fall IV | 1980 | YB | 9 | ' 80-615,624,625,629,1410,1420, 1421,1429,1305 |
| 15 | O. Zovich | 8:29 | Fall IV | 1982 | Mixed | 13 | ' 81-655,731,735,' 82-811,821,834, 842,847,850,854,859,872,855 |
| 16 | D. Kinnear | 7:26 | Fall IV | 1982 | Mixed | 8 | 3464,513,730,544,547,541,608,504 |
| 17 | G. Chater | 6:32 | Fall IV | 1985 | YB | 21 | ' 85-260,262,255,1671,1692,1700, 1664,1654,1665,1676,1687,1672, 1640,1641,1647,1646,1658,1659, 1680,1644,1699 |
| 18 | D. Peric | 5:29 | Fall IV | 1982 | YB | 10 | ' 82-3469,3471,3436,3402,3442, 3411,3415,3432,3445,3410 |
| 19 | Open | | | | | | |
| 20 | Open | | | | | | |

1951

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## HONOR ROLLS

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

STOCK FLY

* Note -- Effective 1997 stock kits may be flown in any FTA contest

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | FTA Fly | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | J. Smith | 11:03 | Fall IV | 1980 | YB | 4c,4h | ' 80-2908,2905,2906,2907,2911,2920, 2922,2925 |
| 2 | M. Markovic | 10:50 | Fall IV | 1980 | Mixed | 9 | ' 79-703,709,733,737,' 80-1355,1356, 1361,1362,613 |
| 3 | R. Sloan | 10:48 | Fall IV | 1998 | YB | 8 | ' 98-192,191,187,188,176, 4651,4652,4656 |
| 4 | H. J. Smith | 10:45 | Summer I | 1998 | YB | 8 | ' 98-603,605,614,612,609,613,608, 602 |
| 5 | M. Franz | 10:31 | Fall IV | 1987 | Mixed | 9 | ' 85-1453,1454,1457,1459,' 87-901, 902,903,905,907 |
| 6 | B. Kiss | 10:07 | Fall IV | 1997 | YB | 4c,4h | ' 97-2144,2145,2148,262,2150,263, 268,261 |
| 7 | H. J. Smith | 10:02 | Summer I | 1997 | YB | 11 | ' 97-2202,2201,2221,2222,2215,2203, 2220,2224,2206,2211,2223 |
| 8 | B. Kiss | 9:42 | Summer III | 1998 | Mixed | 8c,4h | ' 97-2540,2544,2116,274,639,645, ' 98-505,527,517,519,529,533 |
| 9 | H. J. Smith | 9:40 | Fall II | 1997 | YB | 10 | ' 97-2203,2206,2202,2213,2221,2224, 2225,2226,2238,2225 |
| 10 | M. Franz | 9:22 | Fall IV | 1986 | Mixed | 10 | ' 85-1453,1454,1457,' 86-1801,1802, 1803,1805,1806,1807,1808 |
| 11 | M. Franz | 9:03 | Fall IV | 1985 | OB | 9 | ' 82-2879,2883,2892,' 83-1477,1488, 1490,' 84-1004,1009,1011 |
| 12 | H. Ahmadi | 8:46 | Fall IV | 1984 | YB | 8 | ' 84-1820,1821,1822,1823,1834,1835, 1846,1847 |
| 13 | H. J. Smith | 8:38 | Summer III | 1997 | YB | 10 | ' 97-2201,2202,2221,2222,2215,2203, 2224,2206,2211,2223 |
| 14 | M. Franz | 8:37 | Fall IV | 1984 | Mixed | 9 | ' 83-1477,1488,1489,1490,' 84-1004, 1007,1009,1011,1012 |
| 15 | D. Payne | 8:27 | Fall IV | 1977 | Mixed | 12 | ' 75-690,991,994,' 76-1712,1740, ' 77-1010,1012,1016,1034,1047, 1048,1061 |
| 16 | M. Franz | 8:26 | Fall IV | 1983 | Mixed | 9 | ' 82-2879,2883,2892,' 83-1477,1481, 1485,1487,1488,1489 |
| 17 | J. Kleis, Sr. | 8:24 | Fall IV | 1997 | YB | 10c,10h | ' 97-716,715,709,704,714,710,711, 723,712,722,714,718,702,717,713, 707,726,725,724,708 |
| 18 | S. Ogozalek | 8:22 | Fall IV | 1979 | YB | 8 | ' 79-31,37,13,38,42,3,48,44 |
| 19 | G. Hulst | 8:19 | Fall IV | 1993 | Mixed | 5h,3c | ' 92-216,' 93-1060,1061,1058,1072, 1070,1071,1066 |
| 20 | F. Ratel | 8:15 | Fall IV | 1980 | YB | 9 | ' 80-246,238,243,242,247,233,244, 3979,3988 |

1902

# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### WINTER SERIES FLYS

This Series of FTA flys was started in 1997. There have been no Official System competitors to date.

HONOR SYSTEM

WINTER SERIES FLY I

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. Kehrer | 11:08 | 1997 | OB | 2h,1c | '95-1446,' 96-2352,2354 |
| 2 | J. O'Rourke | 8:43 | 1998 | OB | 2h,1c | '97-292,291,2123 |
| 3 | R. Sloan | 6:57 | 1998 | OB | 3c | '97-95,88,92 |

WINTER SERIES FLY II

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | J. O'Rourke | 12:05 | 1998 | OB | 1c,2h | '97-292,291,2123 |
| 2 | R. Kehrer | 9:16 | 1997 | OB | 1c,2h | '96-1902,1903,1905 |

WINTER SERIES FLY III

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. Sloan | 12:49 | 1998 | OB | 3c | '97-95,88,983 |
| 2 | R. Kehrer | 12:30 | 1997 | OB | 1c,2h | '96-1902,1903,1905 |
| 3 | J. Russo | 7:10 | 1998 | OB | 2c,2h | '97-13,25,34,36 |
| 4 | J. O'Rourke | 6:53 | 1998 | Mixed | 2c,1yb | '97-292,286,' 93-503 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SPRING SERIES FLY I

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | O. Zovich | 16:03 | 1998 | OB | 7h | ' 97-182,187,189,1458,1462,2197,2322 |
| 2 | O. Zovich | 15:25 | 1995 | OB | 5h | ' 94-309,317,328,350,2511 |
| 3 | O. Zovich | 15:16 | 1988 | OB | 4c | ' 86-54,67,549,' 87-138 |
| 4 | G. Chater | 15:12 | 1987 | OB | 4c | ' 85-1640,1646,1687,1699 |
| 5 | O. Zovich | 15:10 | 1989 | OB | 6c | ' 88-257,285,286,295,902,910 |
| 6 | O. Zovich | 15:06 | 1987 | OB | 7c | ' 85-4438,4439,' 86-4298,54,548,549,550 |
| 7 | W. Kahlert | 15:05 | 1986 | OB | 3h | ' 83-638,3142,' 85-252 |
| 8 | O. Zovich | 15:03 | 1986 | OB | 5c | ' 85-602,603,4433,4438,4439 |
| 9 | O. Zovich | 15:02 | 1985 | OB | 3c | ' 83-450,' 84-742,724 |
| 10 | O. Zovich | 15:00 | 1997 | OB | 7h | ' 96-142,121,101,114,119,106,135 |
| 11 | J. Mead | 14:55 | 1985 | OB | 3h | ' 84-3601,3643,3644 |
| 12 | O. Zovich | 14:54 | 1984 | OB | 5c | ' 82-855,' 83-417,437,4983,4992 |
| 13 | S. Basic | 14:51 | 1988 | OB | 3c | ' 87-257,253,263 |
| 14 | S. Harris | 14:50 | 1991 | OB | 6c | ' 90-379,389,393,394,398,402 |
| 15 | G. Chater | 14:45 | 1984 | OB | 4c | ' 83-1006,1017,1039,1085 |
| 16 | J. Mead | 14:36 | 1987 | OB | 4c | ' 86-106,146,110,111 |
| 17 | A Lukez | 14:35 | 1983 | OB | 4 | ' 81-515,516,548,' 82-3021 |
| 18 | J. Prochilo | 14:31 | 1974 | OB | | unknown |
| 19 | R. Seabridge | 14:28 | 1984 | OB | 4c | ' 83-920,936,944,945 |
| 20 | H. Ahmadi | 14:23 | 1993 | OB | 4h | ' 92-809,646,1041,3131 |

Note -- As of 1997 young birds and mixed age kits are allowed to compete against old bird kits in this contest

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SPRING SERIES FLY I

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | S. Ferguson | 14:30 | 1980 | OB | 3c | '78-4235,' 79-608,3806 |
| 2 | R. Kehrer | 14:21 | 1993 | OB | 2c,1h | '90-1681,' 91-1402,' 92-1394 |
| 3 | S. Basic | 14:08 | 1996 | OB | 3h | '95-76,87,61 |
| 4 | B. Conboy | 13:58 | 1975 | OB | 5c | '73-18,' 74-44,109,110,116 |
| 5 | E. R. Ball | 13:52 | 1975 | OB | 3c | '73-3302,3305,3310 |
| 6 | R. Kehrer | 13:36 | 1992 | OB | 3c | '90-1681,' 91-1402,1411 |
| 7 | F. Ratel | 13:25 | 1979 | OB | 4c | '77-1237,' 78-89,87,98 |
| 8 | J. Smith | 13:18 | 1981 | OB | 5h | '80-2903,2905,2907,2911,2920 |
| 9 | R. Seabridge | 12:52 | 1978 | OB | 3c | '77-607,610,611 |
| 10 | J. O'Rourke | 12:51 | 1996 | OB | 3h | '95-611,618,636 |
| 11 | H. J. Smith | 12:43 | 1995 | OB | 4h | '94-204,217,557,569 |
| 12 | M. Beat | 12:35 | 1990 | OB | 2c,1h | '89-935,950,996 |
| 13 | S. Basic | 12:31 | 1997 | Mixed | 1c,2yb | '96-568,' 97-612,633 |
| 14 | R. Kehrer | 12:14 | 1996 | OB | 3c | '95-956,962,1446 |
| 15 | H. Johnson | 12:07 | 1978 | OB | 3c | '77-13,14,16 |
| 16 | M. Franz | 12:03 | 1985 | OB | 4h | '83-1488,1489,' 84-1009,1011 |
| 17 | R. Prisco | 12:00 | 1975 | OB | 3h | '73-1930,' 74-1382,1365 |
| 18 | S. Ferguson | 11:45 | 1979 | OB | 3c | '78-2962,4235,4249 |
| 19 | F. Ratel | 11:20 | 1980 | OB | 4c | '77-1277,1296,' 79-161,165 |
| 20 | T. Kvidera | 11:17 | 1977 | OB | 3h | '74-256,265,266 |
| | M. Franz | 11:17 | 1984 | OB | 4h | '83-1477,1488,1489,1490 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SPRING SERIES FLY II

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | O. Zovich | 16:00 | 1992 | OB | 7c | ' 91-2,25,69,17,67,22,24 |
| 2 | O. Zovich | 15:59 | 1995 | OB | 5c | ' 94-132,133,138,318,336 |
| 3 | D. Kinnear | 15:47 | 1986 | OB | 4c | ' 85-1014,1016,1035,1037 |
| 4 | O. Zovich | 15:40 | 1986 | OB | 6c | ' 85-173,172,175,637,645,667 |
| 5 | O. Zovich | 15:39 | 1989 | OB | 6c | ' 88-257,285,286,295,902,910 |
| 6 | O. Zovich | 15:26 | 1994 | OB | 6h | ' 93-153,155,179,181,' 88-402,409 |
| 7 | M. Kobulsky | 15:22 | 1990 | OB | 3c | ' 89-219,232,233 |
| 8 | M. Beat | 15:20 | 1992 | OB | 2c,1h | ' 91-1175,1155,1151 |
| 9 | H. Ahmadi | 15:17 | 1993 | OB | 3h | ' 92-646,1041,3131 |
| 10 | J. Mead | 15:16 | 1985 | OB | 3h | ' 84-3601,3643,3644 |
| 11 | O. Zovich | 15:15 | 1998 | OB | 6c | ' 97-198,199,1457,1471,2321,2328 |
| 12 | M. Kobulsky | 15:12 | 1986 | OB | 3c | ' 85-164,181,177 |
| 13 | J. Mead | 15:10 | 1987 | OB | 4c | ' 86-106,110,111,146 |
| 14 | J. Mead | 15:08 | 1989 | OB | 4h | ' 88-1170,1177,1186,1194 |
| 15 | S. Ogozalek | 15:07 | 1986 | OB | 3c | ' 85-3858,3864,3895 |
| 16 | S. Harris | 15:02 | 1991 | OB | 6c | ' 90-379,388,389,393,394,402 |
| 17 | W. Tomsic | 15:00 | 1986 | OB | 3c | ' 85-382,354,378 |
| 18 | A. Lukez | 14:47 | 1983 | OB | 4h | ' 81-515,516,548,' 82-3021 |
| 19 | A. Lukez | 14:45 | 1982 | OB | 3h | ' 81-515,516,555 |
| 20 | J. & M. Rounbehler | 14:34 | 1974 | OB | | unknown |

Note -- As of 1997 young birds and mixed age kits are allowed to compete against old bird kits in this contest

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SPRING SERIES FLY II

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | H. Ahmadi | 15:32 | 1994 | OB | 3c | '92-840,3022,' 93-2185 |
| 2 | S. Ferguson | 15:12 | 1979 | OB | 3c | '78-2962,4248,4235 |
| 3 | L. Kapac | 15:07 | 1995 | OB | 3h | '93-1131,' 94-629,635 |
| 4 | R. Kehrer | 15:01 | 1994 | OB | 3c | '93-70,72,953 |
| 5 | E. R. Ball | 14:51 | 1975 | OB | 3c | '73-3302,3305,3310 |
| 6 | S. Ogozalek | 14:38 | 1990 | OB | 3c | '89-107,108,115 |
| 7 | J. Russo | 14:20 | 1995 | OB | 5h | '92-1381,' 93-19,24,' 94-4,24 |
| 8 | L. Brozyna | 14:00 | 1988 | OB | 4c | '87-202,215,213,220 |
| 9 | F. Ratel | 13:45 | 1980 | OB | 3c,1h | '77-1296,1276,12,'78-3204 |
| 10 | R. Seabridge | 13:20 | 1978 | OB | 3c | '77-607,610,611 |
| 11 | H. J. Smith | 13:18 | 1995 | OB | 4h | '94-204,217,557,569 |
| 12 | G. Hulst | 13:14 | 1995 | OB | 2c,1h | '93-1066,' 94-1595,1599 |
| 13 | S. Basic | 13:12 | 1997 | Mixed | 3c,2yb | '95-92,' 96-568,570,' 97-612,633 |
| 14 | J. Russo | 12:55 | 1996 | OB | 3h | '95-60,66,67 |
| 15 | H. Johnson | 12:35 | 1975 | OB | 3h | '74-923,932,472 |
|  | H. Johnson | 12:35 | 1978 | OB | 3c | '77-13,14,16 |
| 16 | S. Ogozalek | 12:34 | 1994 | OB | 4h | '93-2228,2234,2242,2254 |
| 17 | J. Contala | 12:30 | 1997 | OB | 3c | '96-1083,1093,1096 |
| 18 | J. Smith | 12:28 | 1981 | OB | 5h | '80-2903,2905,2907,2911,2920 |
| 19 | T. Kvidera | 12:22 | 1975 | OB | 3h | '74-256,257,266 |
| 20 | M. Franz | 12:17 | 1985 | OB | 3h | '84-1008,1009,1011 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SPRING SERIES FLY III

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | O. Zovich | 17:06 | 1998 | OB | 5h | '97-187,189,1462,1458,2197 |
| 2 | S. Basic | 16:24 | 1992 | OB | 2c,1h | '91-307,339,1474 |
| 3 | A. Lukez | 16:21 | 1985 | OB | 2c,1h | '83-248,' 84-2101,2103 |
| 4 | O. Zovich | 16:12 | 1992 | OB | 4h | '91-246,381,400,408 |
| 5 | A. Lukez | 16:10 | 1984 | OB | 3h | '81-516,548,' 82-3021 |
| 6 | G. Chater | 16:00 | 1984 | OB | 5c | '83-1006,1017,1029,1039,1085 |
| 7 | R. Seabridge | 15:40 | 1986 | OB | 4h | '85-20,39,43,44 |
| 8 | M. Kobulsky | 15:30 | 1988 | OB | 3c | '85-177,' 86-1870,' 87-674 |
| 9 | H. Ahmadi | 15:22 | 1993 | OB | 3h | '92-646,1041,3131 |
| 10 | J. & M. Rounbehler | 15:15 | 1974 | OB | 4h | '72-29,73,24,1474 |
| 11 | L. Brozyna | 15:02 | 1985 | OB | 3h | '84-507,588,592 |
| 12 | W. Tomsic | 14:17 | 1984 | OB | 4 | '83-624,626,430,471 |
| 13 | S. Harris | 13:58 | 1991 | OB | 4c | '90-379,388,389,402 |
| 14 | O. Zovich | 13:48 | 1986 | OB | 7c | '85-172,173,603,637,4433,4438,4439 |
| 15 | H. Keay | 13:44 | 1992 | OB | 4c | '91-239,243,236,303 |
| 16 | R. Seabridge | 13:35 | 1982 | OB | 3h | '81-263,274,275 |
| 17 | R. Seabridge | 13:31 | 1976 | OB | 4h | '75-601,622,631,632 |
| 18 | G. Chater | 13:28 | 1982 | OB | 3 | '81-2833,3311,3345 |
| 19 | S. Bliszcz | 13:18 | 1976 | OB | 3c | '75-908,910,911 |
| 20 | O. Zovich | 13:12 | 1987 | OB | 6c | '85-175,4439,' 86-4298,42,95,549 |

Note -- As of 1997 young birds and mixed age kits are allowed to compete against old bird kits in this contest

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SPRING SERIES FLY III

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. Kobulsky | 15:32 | 1990 | OB | 2c,1h | ' 89-232,233,247 |
| 2 | S. Ferguson | 15:17 | 1980 | OB | 3c | ' 78-4235,' 79-608,3806 |
| 3 | T. Kvidera | 15:12 | 1976 | OB | 3h | ' 74-256,265,266 |
| 4 | S. Ogozalek | 15:08 | 1993 | OB | 2c,1h | ' 92-1311,1335,1340 |
| 5 | E. R. Ball | 15:07 | 1974 | OB | 3c | ' 73-3305,3302,3310 |
| 6 | T. Mirseyedi | 14:20 | 1993 | OB | 3h | ' 92-610,633,645 |
| 7 | F. Ratel | 14:16 | 1978 | OB | 3 | ' 77-1276,1284,1287 |
| 8 | S. R. Powell | 14:14 | 1987 | OB | 4c | ' 86-1207,1213,1214,4213 |
| 9 | J. Smith | 13:48 | 1976 | OB | 3c | ' 75-777,783,790 |
| 10 | E. Buraczewski | 13:47 | 1985 | OB | 4c | ' 81-561,' 82-145,' 83-404,447 |
| 11 | B. Conboy | 13:25 | 1975 | OB | 3c | ' 74-44,109,110 |
| 12 | M. Kobulsky | 13:20 | 1992 | OB | 4c | ' 90-203,249,235,212 |
| 13 | G. Hulst | 13:03 | 1995 | OB | 3c | ' 93-1066,' 94-1595,1599 |
| 14 | E. Buraczewski | 13:02 | 1977 | OB | 5h | ' 74-35,' 76-8,17,20,44 |
| 15 | J. Smith | 12:59 | 1981 | OB | 4h | ' 80-2903,2905,2907,2920 |
| 16 | E. Young | 12:42 | 1993 | OB | 3c | ' 92-470,406,419 |
| 17 | S. Basic | 12:23 | 1997 | Mixed | 1c,2yb | ' 96-568,' 97-612,633 |
| 18 | J. O'Rourke | 12:19 | 1991 | OB | 4c | ' 89-89,574,' 90-1990,2000 |
| 19 | E. Buraczewski | 11:40 | 1981 | OB | 3c | ' 80-918,936,948 |
| 20 | H. J. Smith | 11:35 | 1998 | OB | 3c | ' 97-2221,2238,' 96-1321 |

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SUMMER SERIES FLY I

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | S. Basic | 16:06 | 1998 | YB | 2c,1h | ' 98-1261,1274,1273 |
| 2 | S. Basic | 15:47 | 1988 | YB | 4 | ' 88-681,661,688,658 |
| 3 | S. Basic | 15:20 | 1986 | YB | 3 | ' 86-2181,2191,344 |
| 4 | S. Basic | 15:08 | 1989 | YB | 3 | ' 89-1381,1388,1398 |
| 5 | S. Basic | 14:24 | 1985 | YB | 3 | ' 85-2924,2928,2944 |
| 6 | G. Chater | 14:20 | 1985 | YB | 5 | ' 85-1677,1680,1687,1689,1691 |
| 7 | D. Kinnear | 13:26 | 1985 | YB | 3h | ' 85-1004,1017,1021 |
| 8 | B. Rotschi | 13:25 | 1974 | YB | | unknown |
| 9 | S. Basic | 13:02 | 1983 | YB | 3 | ' 83-2808,2828,2832 |
| 10 | S. Basic | 12:54 | 1981 | YB | 3 | ' 81-3134,3171,3154 |
| 11 | S. Basic | 12:42 | 1992 | YB | 4 | ' 92-1011,1021,1031,1041 |
| 12 | B. Kennedy | 12:11 | 1972 | YB | | unknown |
| 13 | R. Seabridge | 12:07 | 1975 | YB | 3 | ' 75-601,603,604 |
| 14 | E. Buraczewski | 12:02 | 1975 | YB | 3 | ' 75-39,1702,1704 |
| 15 | J. Russo | 11:25 | 1997 | OB | 3 | ' 94-28,' 95-66,' 96-156 |
| 16 | V. Jendzo | 11:03 | 1968 | YB | | unknown |
| 17 | S. Basic | 9:50 | 1987 | YB | 5 | ' 87-1970,1993,1962,1987,1967 |
| 18 | G. Chater | 9:32 | 1984 | YB | 6 | ' 84-2204,2208,2209,2210,2213,2217 |
| 19 | A. Lukez | 9:28 | 1980 | YB | 4 | ' 80-1308,1315,1316,1312 |
| 20 | M. Beedie | 9:24 | 1982 | YB | 5 | ' 82-106,110,112,118,117 |

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### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SUMMER SERIES FLY I

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A. Lukez | 15:41 | 1988 | YB | 3 | '88-405,406,408,409 |
| 2 | M. Kobulsky | 14:48 | 1988 | YB | 3 | '88-454,457,460 |
| 3 | S. Ogozalek | 14:01 | 1998 | YB | 7 | '98-107,119,137,143,144,1107,1125 |
| 4 | T. Mirseyedi | 11:28 | 1993 | YB | 3 | '93-508,510,512 |
| 5 | T. Kvidera | 11:24 | 1979 | YB | 4h | '79-913,914,918,919 |
| 6 | G. Hulst | 11:04 | 1993 | YB | 3h | '93-1058,1060,1061 |
| 7 | H. J. Smith | 10:45 | 1998 | YB | 8 | '98-603,605,614,612,609,613,608,602 |
| 8 | B. Kiss | 10:19 | 1998 | YB | 3c,3h | '98-517,527,506,533,519,529 |
| 9 | H. J. Smith | 10:02 | 1997 | YB | 11 | '97-2202,2201,2221,2222,2215,2203, 2220,2224,2206,2211,2223 |
| 10 | A. Fuller | 9:43 | 1996 | YB | 3h | '96-1279,1281,1282 |
| 11 | T. Kvidera | 9:39 | 1980 | YB | 3h | '80-1005,1007,1010 |
| 12 | F. Ratel | 9:35 | 1978 | YB | 3 | '78-76,77,78 |
| 13 | R. Asencio | 8:57 | 1980 | YB | 5 | '80-2256,2255,2251,2258,2257 |
| 14 | T. Kvidera | 8:55 | 1983 | YB | 3c | '83-302,303,314 |
| 15 | D. Bartell | 8:31 | 1973 | YB | | unknown |
| 16 | L. Brozyna | 8:04 | 1986 | YB | 5 | '86-182,192,198,200,206 |
| 17 | T. Kvidera | 7:56 | 1975 | YB | 3 | '75-206,209,215 |
| 18 | T. Kvidera | 7:50 | 1976 | YB | 3 | '76-14,15,16 |
| 19 | R. Strain | 7:23 | 1981 | YB | 5 | '81-2410,2411,2417,2420,2421 |
| 20 | T. Kvidera | 7:02 | 1978 | YB | 3c | '78-808,810,815 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SUMMER SERIES FLY II

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. Beat | 18:05 | 1992 | OB | 2c,1h | ' 91-1151,1155,1175 |
| 2 | O. Zovich | 17:22 | 1998 | OB | 4h | ' 97-1458,1462,187,189 |
| 3 | O. Zovich | 16:50 | 1992 | OB | 4h | ' 91-381,408,400,246 |
| 4 | O. Zovich | 16:49 | 1991 | OB | 3h | ' 90-76,80,666 |
| 5 | O. Zovich | 16:31 | 1984 | OB | 3c | ' 83-450,4983,4992 |
| 6 | O. Zovich | 16:23 | 1985 | OB | 3c | ' 83-450,' 84-724,747 |
| 7 | A. Lukez | 16:20 | 1990 | Mixed | 5 | ' 88-405,406,' 90-351,355,356 |
| 8 | L. Kapac | 16:13 | 1993 | OB | 3h | ' 92-1541,1542,1545 |
| 9 | M. Kobulsky | 16:09 | 1986 | OB | 3c | ' 85-181,177,164 |
| 10 | M. Kobulsky | 16:03 | 1988 | OB | 3c | ' 85-177,' 86-1870,' 87-674 |
| 11 | R. Seabridge | 15:46 | 1983 | OB | 4h | ' 82-256,332,335,336 |
| 12 | S. Bliszcz | 15:45 | 1977 | OB | 3 | ' 75-910,911,' 76-181 |
| 13 | M. Kobulsky | 15:39 | 1989 | OB | 3c | ' 88-2979,2953,473 |
| 14 | S. Harris | 15:29 | 1991 | OB | 4c | ' 90-379,389,398,408 |
| 15 | D. Kinnear | 15:14 | 1985 | YB | 3h | ' 85-1004,1017,1021 |
| 16 | M. Beat | 15:12 | 1991 | OB | 2h,1c | ' 90-1017,1053,' 89-957 |
| 17 | R. Seabridge | 15:10 | 1984 | OB | 3c | ' 83-936,944,945 |
| 18 | A. Lukez | 15:07 | 1982 | OB | 3h | ' 81-515,516,555 |
| 19 | O. Zovich | 14:43 | 1987 | OB | 6c | ' 86-54,61,67,80,549,550 |
| 20 | S. Basic | 14:38 | 1992 | YB | 3 | ' 92-1021,1031,1041 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SUMMER SERIES FLY II

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. Beat | 16:03 | 1990 | Mixed | 2c,1h | '89-935,950,' 90-1001 |
| 2 | Tim Kvidera | 15:46 | 1979 | YB | 4h | '79-913,914,918,919 |
| 3 | A. Rajabnik | 15:11 | 1992 | YB | 3 | '92-1320,1338,1339 |
| 4 | R. Bauman | 14:44 | 1984 | OB | 2h,1c | '83-4753,4755,4756 |
| 5 | K. Zamanian | 14:38 | 1988 | YB | 3 | '88-1560,1563,1568 |
| 6 | H.Ahmadi | 14:34 | 1985 | YB | 4 | '85-1427,1428,1429,1431 |
| 7 | S. Ogozalek | 14:27 | 1998 | YB | 4h | '98-137,143,144,1107 |
| 8 | H. Johnson | 14:17 | 1977 | Mixed | 3 | '74-923,' 77-13,14 |
| 9 | L. Brozyna | 14:05 | 1982 | OB | 3 | '81-987,988,1335 |
| 10 | F. Ratel | 13:40 | 1979 | Mixed | 5 | '78-87,98,3217,' 79-155,159 |
| 11 | E. Buraczewski | 13:32 | 1978 | OB | 3c,1h | '76-1,22,32,38 |
| 12 | F. Ratel | 13:08 | 1980 | Mixed | 4 | '79-3204,' 80-239,240,244 |
| 13 | T. Kvidera | 13:05 | 1998 | YB | 2c,1h | '98-816,819,820 |
| 14 | S. Ferguson | 12:55 | 1980 | OB | 3c | '78-4235,' 79-608,3806 |
| 15 | T. Mirseyedi | 12:07 | 1993 | YB | 2h,1c | '93-508,510,512 |
| 16 | T. Kvidera | 11:55 | 1992 | YB | 2c,1h | '92-1206,1218,1219 |
| 17 | R. Morden | 11:40 | 1997 | YB | 7 | '97-459,223,473,224,457,464,230 |
| 18 | S. Bliszcz | 11:29 | 1975 | YB | 3 | '75-903,904,905 |
| 19 | R. Asencio | 11:05 | 1980 | YB | 5 | '80-2256,2258,2257,2251,2255 |
| 20 | J. O'Rourke | 11:04 | 1990 | Mixed | 3c | '85-2890,' 90-1990,2000 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SUMMER SERIES FLY III

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | G. Chater | 16:02 | 1985 | YB | 5 | '85-1674,1677,1687,1691,1696 |
| 2 | G. Chater | 14:38 | 1984 | YB | 3 | '84-2212,2225,2226 |
| 3 | M. Kobulsky | 14:37 | 1988 | YB | 4 | '88-454,457,460,476 |
| 4 | A. Lukez | 13:59 | 1989 | YB | 3 | '89-505,506,514 |
| 5 | K. Zamanian | 13:55 | 1988 | YB | 3 | '88-1571,1560,1568 |
| 6 | S. Basic | 12:46 | 1994 | YB | 3 | '94-251,259,269 |
| 7 | O. Zovich | 12:27 | 1984 | YB | 7 | '84-714,715,717,718,724,736,737 |
| 8 | S. Basic | 12:23 | 1992 | YB | 3 | '92-1040,1020,1017 |
| 9 | S. Ogozalek | 12:07 | 1985 | YB | 5 | '85-350,3864,3869,3870,3881 |
| 10 | D. Kinnear | 11:30 | 1984 | YB | 5 | '84-2713,2715,2720,2727,2728 |
| 11 | M. Kobulsky | 11:23 | 1985 | YB | 3 | '85-2009,2001,2010 |
| 12 | E. Borchers | 8:15 | 1982 | YB | 3 | '82-203,204,207 |
| 13 | R. Rotschi | 8:07 | 1974 | YB | | unknown |
| 14 | M. Kobulsky | 7:39 | 1986 | YB | 4 | '86-1851,1855,1859,1873 |
| 15 | J. Prochilo | 7:28 | 1974 | YB | | unknown |
| 16 | A. Lukez | 7:27 | 1980 | YB | 3 | '80-1312,1315,1316 |
| 17 | Knight's Loft | 7:03 | 1967 | YB | | unknown |
| 18 | W. Kahlert | 6:45 | 1984 | YB | 4 | '84-565,583,582,589 |
| 19 | S. Randall | 5:55 | 1969 | YB | | unknown |
| 20 | D. Zink | 5:54 | 1975 | YB | 3 | '75-32,35,31 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### SUMMER SERIES FLY III

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | T. Kvidera | 16:00 | 1998 | YB | 2c,1h | '98-816,819,820 |
| 2 | F. Ratel | 15:35 | 1980 | YB | 6 | '80-241,243,244,245,246,248 |
| 3 | T. Kvidera | 15:32 | 1981 | YB | 3h | '81-125,126,127 |
| 4 | A. Lukez | 13:45 | 1984 | YB | 4 | '84-2101,2102,2103,2104 |
| 5 | F. Ratel | 13:35 | 1978 | YB | 5 | '78-76,77,78,81,82 |
| 6 | M. Beedie | 13:32 | 1984 | YB | 3 | '84-902,903,913 |
| 7 | H. J. Smith | 12:02 | 1995 | YB | 7 | '95-207,218,213,211,222,219,217 |
| 8 | R. Asencio | 11:29 | 1980 | YB | 5 | '80-2256,2258,2255,2251,2257 |
| 9 | T. Kvidera | 11:18 | 1994 | YB | 3c | '94-420,427,439 |
| 10 | T. Kvidera | 11:11 | 1992 | YB | 3c | '92-1218,1219,1235 |
| 11 | S. Ogozalek | 10:42 | 1998 | YB | 3 | '98-143,144,1107 |
| 12 | R. Asencio | 10:26 | 1982 | YB | 3 | '82-4320,4336,4337 |
| 13 | T. Kvidera | 10:12 | 1974 | YB | 3h | '74-255,256,257 |
| 14 | H. J. Smith | 10:06 | 1996 | YB | 2c,1h | '96-215,219,221 |
| 15 | H. Ahmadi | 9:57 | 1985 | YB | 3 | '85-1427,1429,1431 |
| 16 | B. Kiss | 9:42 | 1998 | Mixed | 8c,4h | '97-2540,2544,2116,274,639,645, '98-505,527,517,519,529,533 |
| 17 | J. Smith | 9:20 | 1980 | YB | 3c,3h | '80-2903,2914,2920,2922,2933,2925 |
| 18 | T. Kvidera | 9:12 | 1976 | YB | 3 | '76-604,605,607 |
| 19 | H. J. Smith | 8:38 | 1997 | YB | 10 | '97-2201,2202,2221,2222,2215,2203, 2224,2206,2211,2223 |
| 20 | T. Kvidera | 8:32 | 1979 | YB | 3h | '79-913,918,919 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### FALL SERIES FLY I

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | F. Mirzaagha | 13:01 | 1992 | YB | 7 | '92-952,953,974,978,979,989,992 |
| 2 | W. Kahlert | 13:00 | 1985 | YB | 3 | '85-237,252,4983 |
| 3 | J. Mead | 12:59 | 1984 | YB | 3 | '84-3643,3644,3601 |
| 4 | R. Seabridge | 12:47 | 1985 | YB | 7 | '85-20,29,33,37,38,43,44 |
| 5 | S. Basic | 12:25 | 1986 | YB | 5 | '86-197,156,165,196,2152 |
| 6 | M. Kobulsky | 12:19 | 1986 | Mixed | 5 | '85-164,177,181,' 86-37,38 |
| 7 | J. Mead | 12:15 | 1982 | YB | 3 | '82-401,413,414 |
| 8 | O. Zovich | 12:08 | 1985 | YB | 7 | '85-154,171,172,173,667,669,672 |
| 9 | O. Zovich | 12:02 | 1982 | YB | 7 | '82-847,859,811,854,850,855,834 |
| 10 | H. Bampfield | 11:50 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 11 | J. Mead | 11:42 | 1987 | YB | 3 | '87-126,117,118 |
| 12 | R. Kennedy | 11:38 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 13 | H. Langley | 11:34 | 1985 | YB | 4 | '85-1877,1863,1856,1855 |
| 14 | G. Chater | 11:21 | 1985 | YB | 5 | '85-1640,1642,1644,1646,1647 |
| 15 | W. Tomsic | 11:11 | 1979 | YB | 5 | '79-410,417,418,422,1105 |
| 16 | V. Jendzo | 11:01 | 1969 | | | unknown |
| | O. Zovich | 11:01 | 1988 | YB | 7 | '88-237,233,232,903,904,913,914 |
| 17 | O. Zovich | 10:53 | 1984 | YB | 7 | '84-761,768,769,770,772,775,767 |
| 18 | M. Markovic | 10:04 | 1982 | YB | 4 | '82-3050,3474,3676,3678 |
| | S. Basic | 10:04 | 1983 | YB | 3 | '83-2815,2846,2818 |
| 19 | D. Peric | 10:00 | 1982 | YB | 3 | '82-3436,3469,3471 |
| 20 | E. Grollman | 9:55 | 1972 | | | unknown |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### FALL SERIES FLY I

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | F. Ratel | 14:00 | 1979 | Mixed | 5 | '76-1503,' 77-1277,1296,' 79-168,176 |
| 2 | S. Basic | 13:02 | 1997 | YB | 5c | '97-602,609,625,647,650 |
| 3 | J. O'Rourke | 11:02 | 1995 | YB | 3h | '95-611,617,637 |
| 4 | H. Johnson | 11:00 | 1977 | YB | 4 | '77-13,14,16,314 |
| 5 | T. Kvidera | 10:49 | 1982 | YB | 2c,1h | '82-4268,4271,4276 |
| 6 | J. Smith | 10:41 | 1980 | YB | 2c,3h | '80-2903,2905,2920,2923,2925 |
| 7 | J. Contala | 10:33 | 1983 | Mixed | 3 | '82-5311,' 83-3511,3510 |
| 8 | N. Shirakbari | 10:12 | 1974 | | | unknown |
| | F. Ratel | 10:12 | 1978 | Mixed | 4 | '77-749,1287,' 78-82,87 |
| 9 | F. Ratel | 10:07 | 1980 | YB | 6 | '80-243,245,249,247,3977,3980 |
| 10 | T. Kvidera | 9:53 | 1979 | YB | 3h,1c | '79-951,956,959,967 |
| 11 | G. Cant | 9:50 | 1980 | OB | 3 | '79-1385,1386,1387 |
| 12 | R. Morden | 9:37 | 1996 | YB | 6 | '96-1246,1244,1247,580,590,597 |
| 13 | F. Mentel | 9:24 | 1984 | YB | 5 | '84-86,85,83,456,457 |
| 14 | A. Lukez | 9:23 | 1980 | YB | 3 | '80-1312,1315,1316 |
| 15 | T. Kvidera | 9:14 | 1985 | YB | 3 | '85-2583,2589,2590 |
| 16 | G. Hulst | 8:53 | 1995 | YB | 3h | '95-951,957,961 |
| 17 | J. Smith | 8:50 | 1981 | YB | 5 | '81-3204,3205,3207,3217,3218 |
| 18 | H. Kogan | 8:47 | 1992 | YB | 4h,1c | '92-853,851,856,858,874 |
| 19 | E. Buraczewski | 8:35 | 1977 | OB | 3h | '76-8,22,44 |
| 20 | G. Hulst | 8:22 | 1993 | Mixed | 4h | '92-216,' 93-1060,1061,1058 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### FALL SERIES FLY II

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | J. Mead | 12:34 | 1984 | YB | 3 | '84-3601,3643,3644 |
| 2 | W. Kahlert | 12:30 | 1984 | Mixed | 3 | '83-638,3142,' 84-583 |
| 3 | R. Seabridge | 12:21 | 1985 | YB | 7 | '85-20,29,33,38,43,44,39 |
| 4 | A. Lukez | 12:19 | 1989 | | | unknown |
| 5 | R. Seabridge | 12:17 | 1982 | YB | 5 | '82-256,334,336,337,332 |
| 6 | W. Kahlert | 12:06 | 1985 | OB | 3h | '83-638,3142,' 84-583 |
| 7 | J. Mead | 12:00 | 1982 | YB | 3 | '82-401,413,414 |
| 8 | H. Bampfield | 11:34 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 9 | W. Tomsic | 11:29 | 1985 | YB | 4 | '85-904,911,918,932 |
| 10 | R. Seabridge | 11:26 | 1981 | YB | 3h | '8[illegible]-244,263,274 |
| 11 | J. & M. Rounbehler | 11:07 | 1972 | | | unknown |
| | R. Mentel | 11:07 | 1984 | YB | 5 | '84-89,90,92,548,550 |
| 12 | S. Bliszcz | 11:05 | 1976 | YB | 3 | '76-176,181,189 |
| 13 | M. Kobulsky | 11:01 | 1985 | YB | 3 | '85-2012,2025,2037 |
| 14 | R. Asencio | 10:59 | 1982 | YB | 3 | '82-4336,4337,4328 |
| 15 | D. Zink | 10:52 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 16 | L. Wittreich | 10:51 | 1983 | Mixed | 3 | '82-3828,' 83-2114,2122 |
| 17 | J. & P. Ehli | 10:17 | 1969 | | | unknown |
| 18 | B. Conboy | 10:14 | 1972 | | | unknown |
| | D. Zink | 10:14 | 1975 | YB | 3 | '75-200,2408,2412 |
| 19 | B. Conboy | 10:06 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 20 | H. Langley | 9:55 | 1985 | YB | 4c | '85-1851,1853,1864,1871 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

FALL SERIES FLY II

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | H. Johnson | 12:23 | 1977 | Mixed | 5 | '74-923,' 77-13,14,16,314 |
| 2 | J. Smith | 11:50 | 1976 | YB | 3c | '76-533,537,549 |
| | D. Payne | 11:50 | 1977 | YB | 3 | '77-1016,1047,1048 |
| 3 | F. Ratel | 11:38 | 1978 | Mixed | 5 | '77-749,' 78-85,87,89,91 |
| 4 | J. Russo | 11:35 | 1994 | YB | 3h | '94-13,28,41 |
| 5 | F. Ratel | 11:30 | 1980 | YB | 4 | '80-243,245,246,247 |
| 6 | E. R. Ball | 11:26 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 7 | M. Franz | 11:21 | 1986 | OB | 3h | '85-1453,1454,1457 |
| 8 | M. Franz | 11:09 | 1984 | YB | 5 | '84-1004,1007,1009,1011,1012 |
| 9 | G. Hulst | 11:07 | 1993 | Mixed | 4h,2c | '93-1060,1061,1058,1066,1072,' 92-216 |
| 10 | S. R. Powell | 10:50 | 1987 | YB | 4c | '87-360,361,362,373 |
| 11 | E. Buraczewski | 10:42 | 1974 | Mixed | 4h | '70-1430,' 74-558,971,985 |
| 12 | T. Kvidera | 10:38 | 1976 | OB | 3h | '74-256,265,266 |
| 13 | T. Kvidera | 10:22 | 1984 | YB | 2h,1c | '84-4465,4466,4467 |
| 14 | S. Bliszcz | 10:06 | 1975 | YB | 3 | '75-911,913,914 |
| 15 | J. Smith | 10:03 | 1975 | YB | 3c,2h | '75-776,777,782,787,790 |
| 16 | H. J. Smith | 9:40 | 1997 | YB | 10 | '97-2203,2206,2202,2213,2221,2224, 2225,2226,2238,2235 |
| 17 | N. Shirakbari | 9:25 | 1974 | | | unknown |
| 18 | D. Tomsic | 9:20 | 1983 | YB | 3 | '83-624,626,2142 |
| 19 | T. Mirseyedi | 9:11 | 1992 | Mixed | 2c,1h | '91-1039,' 92-626,633 |
| 20 | G. Hulst | 9:09 | 1995 | YB | 3h | '95-951,957,961 |

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## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### FALL SERIES FLY III

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. Seabridge | 12:05 | 1985 | YB | 7 | '85-20,29,33,38,43,44,39 |
| 2 | R. Seabridge | 12:02 | 1980 | YB | 3 | '80-701,705,706 |
| 3 | R. Seabridge | 12:01 | 1983 | YB | 3 | '83-915,920,944 |
| 4 | J. Mead | 11:57 | 1984 | YB | 3 | '84-3601,3643,3644 |
| 5 | M. Kobulsky | 11:47 | 1989 | YB | 3c | '89-267,292,1316 |
| 6 | M. Kobulsky | 11:45 | 1985 | YB | 6 | '85-181,182,2003,2012,2016,2025 |
| 7 | L. Brozyna | 11:36 | 1984 | YB | 4 | '84-501,502,505,507 |
| 8 | G. Chater | 11:35 | 1985 | YB | 7 | '85-1671,1672,1676,1680,1687,1692,1699 |
| | W. Tomsic | 11:35 | 1985 | YB | 4 | '85-901,913,916,915 |
| 9 | S. Ogozalek | 11:33 | 1983 | YB | 4 | '83-659,654,663,695 |
| 10 | S. Ogozalek | 11:26 | 1982 | YB | 5 | '82-515,516,505,506,538 |
| 11 | J. & M. Rounbehler | 11:25 | 1974 | | | unknown |
| 12 | R. Seabridge | 11:23 | 1981 | YB | 3h | '81-244,263,274 |
| 13 | H. Bampfield | 11:19 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 14 | E. Borchers | 11:12 | 1982 | YB | 5 | '82-202,203,204,205,209 |
| 15 | L. Witterich | 11:09 | 1982 | YB | 4 | '82-3803,3804,3806,3810 |
| 16 | B. Rotschi | 10:58 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 17 | D. Zink | 10:53 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 18 | J. Prochilo | 10:35 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 19 | J. & P. Ehli | 10:34 | 1969 | | | unknown |
| 20 | D. Zink | 10:31 | 1974 | | | unknown |

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

### FALL SERIES FLY III

HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | F. Ratel | 13:10 | 1980 | YB | 5 | ' 80-247,243,246,244,245 |
| 2 | A. Lukez | 12:45 | 1987 | YB | 3 | ' 87-138,3108,3112 |
| 3 | M. Kobulsky | 11:53 | 1987 | Mixed | 4 | ' 86-1885,' 87-661,3102,674 |
| 4 | D. Kinnear | 11:45 | 1980 | YB | 3 | ' 80-2612,2637,2620 |
| 5 | M. Franz | 11:34 | 1987 | OB | 3h | ' 85-1453,1454,1457 |
| 6 | W. Tomsic | 11:14 | 1971 | | | unknown |
| 7 | M. Franz | 11:12 | 1985 | OB | 4 | ' 82-2892,' 83-1488,1490,' 84-1004 |
| 8 | D. Payne | 11:10 | 1977 | YB | 3 | ' 77-1016,1047,1048 |
| 9 | F. Ratel | 11:00 | 1978 | Mixed | 4 | ' 77-749,' 78-85,89,91 |
| 10 | M. Franz | 10:58 | 1984 | OB | 4 | ' 83-1477,1488,1489,1490 |
| 11 | H. Johnson | 10:55 | 1977 | YB | 4 | ' 77-13,14,16,314 |
| 12 | N. Shirakbari | 10:41 | 1974 | | | unknown |
| 13 | J. Smith | 10:30 | 1975 | YB | 3c,3h | ' 75-776,777,782,784,787,790 |
| 14 | E. R. Ball | 10:25 | 1973 | | | unknown |
| 15 | W. Kahlert | 10:20 | 1982 | YB | 4 | ' 82-543,544,571,2751 |
| 16 | M. Franz | 10:17 | 1983 | YB | 5 | ' 83-1477,1478,1481,1483,1485 |
| 17 | T. Kvidera | 10:14 | 1984 | YB | 2h,1c | ' 84-4465,4466,4467 |
| 18 | T. Kvidera | 10:06 | 1991 | YB | 2h,1c | ' 91-2157,2158,2162 |
| 19 | S. R. Powell | 10:05 | 1989 | Mixed | 5c | ' 86-4213,' 87-344,' 88-976,' 89-805,807 |
| 20 | H. J. Smith | 10:03 | 1997 | YB | 7c | ' 97-2206,2213,2221,2225,2226,2224,2231 |

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

FALL SERIES FLY IV

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OFFICIAL SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. Kobulsky | 11:34 | 1989 | YB | 8c | ' 89-224,227,232,233,235,267, 292,297 |
| 2 | G. Chater | 11:27 | 1986 | Mixed | 8 | ' 85-1640,1646,1687,1699,1700, ' 86-3310,3320,3328 |
| 3 | D. Kinnear | 11:25 | 1985 | Mixed | 10 | ' 84-2716,2701,765,' 85-1011,1012, 1016,1018,1035,1037,170 |
| 4 | A. Lukez | 11:17 | 1983 | Mixed | 8 | ' 81-516,548,555,' 82-3021,3042, ' 83-241,248,249 |
| 5 | M. Kobulsky | 11:12 | 1987 | Mixed | 8 | ' 85-177,' 86-1885,1889,' 87-660, 661,674,3092,3102 |
| 6 | O. Zovich | 10:53 | 1987 | Mixed | 10 | ' 85-4439,' 86-54,67,90,41,548,549, 550,' 87-173,167 |
| 7 | D. Kinnear | 10:50 | 1984 | Mixed | 8 | ' 83-1697,' 84-2701,2713,2715,2716, 2746,2733,2726 |
| 8 | H. Langley | 10:44 | 1984 | YB | 12 | ' 84-828,823,826,827,825,824,2857, 2875,2871,2869,2861,2870 |
| 9 | O. Zovich | 10:35 | 1983 | Mixed | 16 | ' 82-855,' 83-408,417,419,421,436,437,438 450,454,456,460,464,4983,4984,4992 |
| 10 | L. Wittreich | 10:21 | 1985 | YB | 8 | ' 85-3303,3309,3314,3318,3319, 3333,3344,3360 |
| 11 | F. Ratel | 10:20 | 1978 | Mixed | 12 | ' 74-47,' 77-1276,1284,1296,' 78-82, 85,87,89,91,98,3204,3205 |
| 12 | W. Tomsic | 9:14 | 1983 | YB | 8 | ' 83-471,2142,316,324,332,357,366, 624 |
| 13 | G. Chater | 9:06 | 1981 | YB | 11 | ' 81-608,3309,3316,3318,3319,3320, 3328,3339,3342,3412,3425 |
| 14 | W. Tomsic | 8:54 | 1980 | YB | 9 | ' 80-615,624,625,629,1410,1420, 1421,1429,1305 |
| 15 | O. Zovich | 8:29 | 1982 | Mixed | 13 | ' 81-655,731,735,' 82-811,821,834, 842,847,850,854,859,872,855 |
| 16 | D. Kinnear | 7:26 | 1982 | Mixed | 8 | 3464,513,730,544,547,541,608,504 |
| 17 | G. Chater | 6:32 | 1985 | YB | 21 | ' 85-260,262,255,1671,1692,1700,1664, 1654,1665,1676,1687,1672,1640,1641, 1647,1646,1658,1659,1647,1644,1699 |
| 18 | D. Peric | 5:29 | 1982 | YB | 10 | ' 82-3469,3471,3436,3402,3442, 3411,3415,3432,3445,3410 |
| 19 | Open | | | | | |
| 20 | Open | | | | | |

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# FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## HALL OF FAME FLYS

### BEST FLYING TIMES

FALL SERIES FLY IV

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HONOR SYSTEM

| Place | Flyer Name | Kit Time | Year | Age | Kit Information #,Sex | Band Numbers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | J. Smith | 11:03 | 1980 | YB | 4c,4h | ' 80-2908,2905,2906,2907,2911,2920, 2922,2925 |
| 2 | M. Markovic | 10:50 | 1980 | Mixed | 9 | ' 79-703,709,733,737,' 80-1355,1356, 1361,1362,613 |
| 3 | R. Sloan | 10:48 | 1998 | YB | 8 | ' 98-192,191,187,188,176, 4651 4652,4656 |
| 4 | M. Franz | 10:31 | 1987 | Mixed | 9 | ' 85-1453,1454,1457,1459,' 87-901, 902,903,905,907 |
| 5 | B. Kiss | 10:07 | 1997 | YB | 4c,4h | ' 97-2144,2145,2148,262,2150,263, 268,261 |
| 6 | M. Franz | 9:22 | 1986 | Mixed | 10 | ' 85-1453,1454,1457,' 86-1801,1802, 1803,1805,1806,1807,1808 |
| 7 | M. Franz | 9:03 | 1985 | OB | 9 | ' 82-2879,2883,2892,' 83-1477,1488, 1490,' 84-1004,1009,1011 |
| 8 | H. Ahmadi | 8:46 | 1984 | YB | 8 | ' 84-1820,1821,1822,1823,1834,1835, 1846,1847 |
| 9 | M. Franz | 8:37 | 1984 | Mixed | 9 | ' 83-1477,1488,1489,1490,' 84-1004, 1007,1009,1011,1012 |
| 10 | D. Payne | 8:27 | 1977 | Mixed | 12 | ' 75-690,991,994,' 76-1712,1740, ' 77-1010,1012,1016,1034,1047,1048,1061 |
| 11 | M. Franz | 8:26 | 1983 | Mixed | 9 | ' 82-2879,2883,2892,' 83-1477,1481, 1485,1487,1488,1489 |
| 12 | J. Kleis, Sr. | 8:24 | 1997 | YB | 10c,10 | ' 97-716,715,709,704,714,710,711, 723,712,722,714,718,702,717,713, 707,726,725,724,708 |
| 13 | S. Ogozalek | 8:22 | 1979 | YB | 8 | ' 79-31,37,13,38,42,3,48,44 |
| 14 | G. Hulst | 8:19 | 1993 | Mixed | 5h,3c | ' 92-216,' 93-1060,1061,1058,1072, 1070,1071,1066 |
| 15 | F. Ratel | 8:15 | 1980 | YB | 9 | ' 80-246,238,243,242,247,233,244, 3979,3988 |
| 16 | D. Payne | 8:08 | 1976 | Mixed | 12 | 984,976,983,991,973,2762,2764, 1712,1704,1705,1740,1737 |
| 17 | A. Lukez | 8:04 | 1980 | YB | 8 | ' 80-655,656,1312,1315,1316,2159, 2163,2172 |
| 18 | D. Kinnear | 7:58 | 1980 | YB | 9 | ' 80-2637,2620,2612,2617,2611,2628, 2629,2644,4339 |
| 19 | J. O'Rourke | 7:52 | 1996 | Mixed | 7h,1c | ' 93-927,' 95-636,' 96-501,540,666, 671,667,511 |
| 20 | J. O'Rourke | 7:18 | 1998 | Mixed | 5h,3c | ' 97-291,2123, ' 98- 541,555,600, 614,1012,583 |

1923

THE STORY OF THE STOREY

By Robert B. Funk

The Flying Tippler Association of America was organized in the year 1938 for the advancement of pure bred Flying Tipplers. In doing so the usual by-laws and flying rules were drawn up, but more important, a sign, a trade mark, a mark of distinction was chosen.

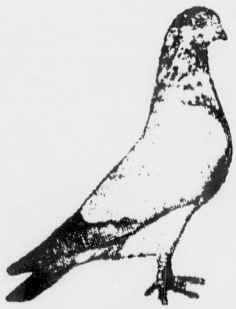
The Storey tells the story. The Storey is the picture of the Flying Tippler light print cock appearing on the Association's letterheads and membership cards et cetera. This clasic bird is "Westering Prince", winner of eight lsts including Crystal Palace bred and owned by Mr. Geo. H. Storey, "Westering", Kenton Road, Gesforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Westering Prince is of the Macclesfield varfety and naturally Storey in strain.

The Storey appears on page 169 of Pigeons of To-Day by various leading authorities through Fancy Press Ltd., Idle - Bradford - Yorks, England, and made available by the American Pigeon Journal in 1937. Westering Prince was chosen to illustrate the apex of the breed in the covering section of the book.

The Storey strain was imported into Canada and the United States both directly from England and through Canada. The blood lines have poured over into many of our States and positive records trace them not only to New York but Arkansas and Florida as well. Flying and Show records of this strain have been enviable. Of course, a strain ends with its originator and is blended in with other strains of the individual breeder. Many have sought out the pure Macclesfield which is a culmination of the breeders of that area of England.

The Storey is the most perfect engraved image of a Flying Tippler that I have ever seen. He is the basis for all standards that have ever been agreed upon in the Flying Tippler.

The Storey will never end - we pray.



1924

# ORIGIN OF THE TIPPLER

By: Nelson A. Balmer

A number of people have asked me the origin of the Flying Tippler and in answer I am offering the following article for what it is worth. I am not an expert, but in conversation with fanciers of more experience and what I have read, I think that what I can tell you on the subject may give you a fair idea of how the Flying Tippler originated.

According to Fulton's "Book of Pigeons", the Rollers, Tipplers and Tumblers all descended from the Flying Tumblers which were flown in England about one hundred years ago. Following is a quotation from this book on the differences between Rollers and Tipplers.

"Rollers are those which at every exhibition of their rolling powers pass through an unaccountable number of backward revolutions or somersaults, in such quick succession as to appear like a falling ball. A good Roller should fairly roll twenty feet.

Tipplers should nearly throw a single somersault, and this very frequently; buy any more is sufficient to cause him to be plucked at the earliest opportunity.

Some prefer the highflyer, and make a selection as to incorporate in one flock only such birds as can traverse the realms of space for half a day or more. Others consisder that a flock of high and long fliers, even if slow workers, affords the full enjoyment which such display can afford, if only they will 'scrape the sky' for half an hour; still other prefer a well chosen flight of 30 good and true acrobats, brilliant workers, composed of three-fourths good strong-flying mid-sky workers, and the remaining fourth long rollers of superlative merit as leaders. Then there are others who believe the nearest realization of merit is that a flight of good Tipplers, such as perform in a compact mass, their single revolutions with perfect accuracy and uniformity, such as fly high, are always busy and endure long flights with comparative ease.

Now you will see by the foregoing, that the Tippler was originally a bird with tumbling instincts, hence the name "Tippler" to designate a single tumbling bird.

In other books I have read, they tell about English Fanciers and their tumbling birds. Some fancies wished their birds to do a series of tumbles or rolls, but only fly for an hour or two. These fanciers therefore bred from birds which did the most rolling, and in time developed the Roller as we know it today. Other fanciers did not care about tumbling in their birds, but wanted birds to fly a long time. The longer the birds flew and the less tumbling they did, the better their owners liked them. In time these fanciers developed a bird which would not tumble and used it's energy to fly longer. As they put it, "would fly the clock around".

The fanciers who lived in the vicinity of Birmingham, England and went in for the roller type of bird, hence today you all know about the "Birmingham Roller". On the other hand, fanciers in the vicinity of Sheffield and Lincoln went in for the long flying birds, and these became famous for the "Tipplers" or long flyers. I have a book written by George Smith of Sheffield about 40 years ago, and in it he tells about the fanciers in the different districts and the type of birds they flew.

The Tippler, as we know it today, has a longer face than the Roller or Tumbler and I believe, some time during the making of the breed, that the "Cumulet" was crossed with the Flying Tumblers to give the birds better flying ability and to check the tumbling tendancy. Some strains of Tipplers have a definite resemblance to Cumulets in their heads, also seem to fly higher than the ones who do not have this characteristic. Apparently the Cumulet derived its' name from the word "cumulus", which means "clouds", and its' ability to fly high in the clouds. George Smith, in his book, said that they were imported from Germany and that they had plenty of muscle and brain power. They also had a liking to ramble for miles from home, returning only at intervals, then going away again.

As a boy I flew Rollers and I know that they never did any rambling while flying, so that is why I think that the Tippler has Cumulet blood in its' veins. Sometimes I only see my Tipplers once or twice an hour.

Now to sum up the evidence, as the judge would say, I think the Tippler really started from the flying Tumbler and later the fancier added a Cumulet cross to try to eradicate the tumbling habit and also add stamina and long flying powers.

There is quite a difference between strains of Tipplers. As George Smith puts it, "Some fly because they like to fly, others because you make them fly". I have noticed the difference myself.

Tipplers come in quite a variety of colors, the most common being Prints and Mottles. The Prints have white bodies, with dark tails and wing tips and dark markings on the neck. The mottles are the same as prints, with the light and dark feathers alternating on the side of the wings.

I have had nearly every color except solid Black and pure White. I bred a Black Chequer last year and a white with only a few yellow markings on the head. There are numbers of other colors and the following is the list of colors I have bred myself: Dark Print, Mottles, Braonzes, Blue, Blue Grizzle, Silver, Silver Grizzle, Duns in Solids, Grizzles, Mottles and Prints. Reds in solids, mottles and prints, Yellows in solids, mottles and prints. Black Chequer and Blue Chequer. As to flying ability, I have found that one color flies equally as well as another in my birds.

Now you will understand that the Tippler as we know it today is a bird with the most graceful wing action and wonderful stamina. He seems to move along with very little exertion and certainly must be able to do so when we expect him to fly from dawn to dusk. I think he is the most fascinating of the flying varieties and many happy hours can be spent by watching him soar in the clouds, even while the owner works in his garden or does other chores about his home.

Cocks and hens fly equally as well, but I like the style of the hens better. They seem to have a more graceful wing action and fly steadier. Cocks are inclined to do some clapping of the wings and this tends to break up the kit. I flew a kit of 10 hens last fall and believe me they were a treat to watch as they soared along, seemingly without any effort at all. The only trouble with hens is that when training for a long fly they must be put in individual pens or they will mate up and lay, which would be disastrous from a long flying angle. I even found at time it necessary to pen cocks separately, as they mate up and cause trouble with the others.

I always mate up my birds in February and separate them in June, putting cocks in one pen and hens in another. However, a number of cocks always mate up about this time of the year and also a number of the hens, which shows that they are lively and full of vigour.

I hope this little article will be a help to some of the boys and will clear up some doubts and misunderstandings.

Pigeon Review, May, 1983

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## STYLES OF FLYING

Pigeon Review, May, 1983

By: S. Ogozalek

As you may or may not know, there are different styles of flying amongst the strains of Flying Tipplers. You've probably read about or heard from other fanciers about the "butterfly wing action" of one strain and the "bow and arrow" style of another and that some fly slower than others while there are those that "rake" or "ramble" quite far. But let us concern ourselves now with that part of style that I enjoy most — Height. Flying height with Tipplers and other pigeons is affected by weather (thermals, wind speed and direction, humidity) and the body structure of the birds. The true Tippler fancier pays attention to the local weather forecasts during the flying season and especially to those few days just prior to a competition whereby the use of the wrong ingredients could affect their long performance. If you have been studying your flying kit in various types of weather during their training, you'll soon learn what their best wind direction is for long time flying and pray that you have the same on the big day.

Some strains are well known for their high-flying ability, that is not to say that they are knocking their heads against the clouds for the entire day though, in some cases, for the better part of it. High flying, with emphasis on the high, on a contest day with a clear blue sky and a helpful wind can and at times does cause a fancier to suffer disqualification being that the kit couldn't be located during either the two and one half hour or the one hour period. I have refered kits, on contest days, that flew at great heights and had to almost strain my eyes following them (a good pair of sun glasses is a must) and forget about blinking your eyes with them up so high because you'll surely lose them! During one contest, while acting as a refree, a certain fancier was almost disqualified six times during the day for being out of sight for an hour, but luck was with him as together we located the kit just in time! It's always a pleasure for me to have witnessed a kit that had been flying "In the top" (as the English fanciers put it) on Contest Day and more so when the kit is my own!

As for the second type, the style of flying can vary from slightly higher than roof-top level to the "pin-point". As one Canadian flyer, who commented on his own Tipplers' style, said, "One minute you can see them above the roof tops and shortly thereafter they're like diamonds in the sky". While another top flyer from Toronto has said to me that on Contest day, his kit would stay low for a couple of hours until they settled down and would then go on the "rambles" for the better part of each hour. With favorable weather conditions, his kit would "bury" themselves in the blue whih caused him to be concerned.

As for the third type, which I classify as low to medium flyers, are rarely seen "up in the blue" but prefer to do most of their flying at or near the rooftop level. As youngsters, they may climb to a medium height and remain for a brief period, but then lower and continue at a low working height. Unless you really know their flying style, they could keep you on your toes while they skim over the roof tops where they could be affected by almost anything. I've seen them lower than the rooftops on occasion and instead of looking up for them, I was looking down at them! This type can and will fly for long periods, but to watch them for that length of time would have me biting my nails to the quick.

So, for all potential Tippler fanicers, prior to purchasing your initial three pairs of breeding stock, be sure and discuss the flying style with the owner, also his method of training and feeding.

In closing, just allow me one more comment. For a fancier to be disqualified on a competition day is a heartbreak because of the time spent in training the kit and the hopes shattered for mailing in a good timer's report. Nobody wants to be disqualified, though I would rather have my kit disqualified due to them enjoying themselves at such a great height and being out of sight for the hour period (and at times by just a few minutes) rather than to see them perched down the street doing a "high wire act" on some telephone cable.

Pigeon Review, May, 1980

## SHOWING THE FLYING TIPPLER

by Ed Buraczewski

A lot of planning goes into showing a Flying Tippler or any other breed of bird. It is not a project that can be accomplished in a week or two; it's a year round project.

Starting off, a clean loft with good food and drink is essential in breeding healthy youngsters. Weather permitting, a bath should be given on a weekly or biweekly basis. During the moult a bath is more important. Additives such as borax or baking soda may be added to aid in the cleaning process.

A lot of time should be spent with the birds, especially as youngsters, talking to them and handling them. Getting them used to you will help eliminate wildness. Some birds require more time than others; the Lovatt and Scheffield strains require less time than the Gordon Hughes and Macclesfields. Being locked up in a show cage for hours or sometimes days is an ordeal for any bird, but if it is not properly prepared, it will be wild in the cage and hurt itself. Ruffled feathers or a broken flight feather may occur, and no matter how super the bird looked at home in its own loft, it will not impress the judge in this condition.

The general appearance of a Tippler is a fact to be considered. The bird should look alert and should have a well proportioned body. It should be free of lice, pin holes and fret marks. If detected, these usually are grounds for automatic disqualification. The bird should be in condition — not fat or soft. The average Tippler weighs 8 to 13 ounces. A good indication of the condition is by checking the vent which is located at the end of the breast bone. The vent bones should be tight (close together).

Final preparation before showing is to use a damp cloth to wipe off any dirt that will detract from the appearance of the bird. If you have carriers with separate compartments this would be the best to use; if not, do not mix hens with cocks. It is better to take two carriers.

Each judge is looking basically for the same thing — good body proportion, good feather condition (broad primary and secondaries) and cleanliness. It doesn't matter what strain of Tippler you show, some strains do show better than other. With regard to color, I have found that most judges prefer colors such as light and dark grizzles, mottles and prints rather than solid colors, blacks, reds and yellows.

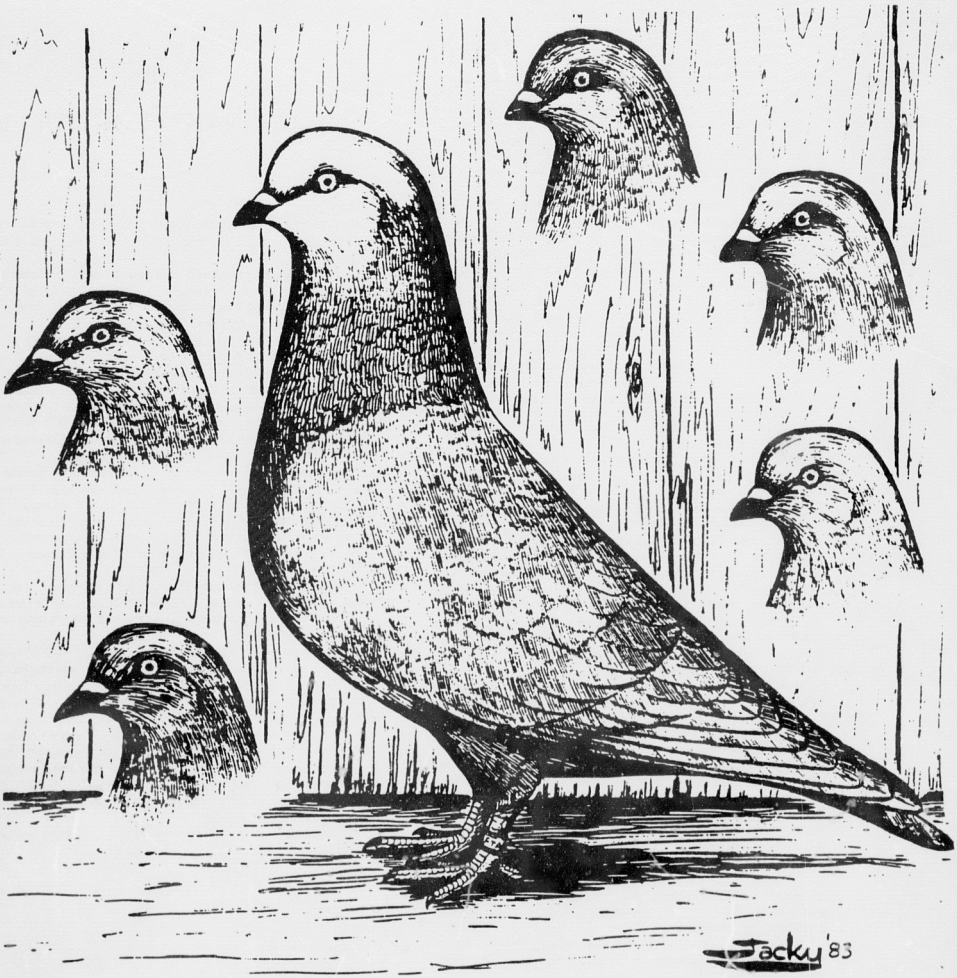
Don't be afraid to start showing your Tipplers. If you are hesitant as to show quality, visit as many shows as you can get to. Talk to exhibitors, observe judging techniques and ask the judges why they rejected or accepted a particular bird.

The best way to show is by doing. I can't emphasize this enough. Not only is it a good way to spend the day, but you get the unique opportunity to talk with experienced breeders and judges.

The Tippler is a dual purpose breed and can be used for long time flying and showing. Give it a chance to live up to its full potential.

1926

# FLYING TIPPLER



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# FLYING TIPPLER

## UTILITY FEATURES (67 pts.)

**CONDITION (25 pts.):** Hard, firmly muscled. Light in weight for size. Clean and alert.

**WINGS (12 pts.):** Stress the importance of secondaries. Broad flexible, overlapping feathers should be present, no gaps in the wings. Flights should be carried atop the tail, and give every sign of strength. Top line smooth and without "sail" or "sideboards".

**TAIL (6 pts.):** Notably narrow, but capable of great expansion. Strong but resilient feathers. In entirety, small and light in weight.

**KEEL (6 pts.):** shallow and long, for a Tippler not a Homer. Coming quite close to the "fork" (vent end).

**FORK (6 pts.):** Firm and close (to each other and to the keel).

**BACK (6 pts.):** Broad at the shoulders, it tapers to a trim, strong rump to achieve the breed's powerful wedge shape.

**CHEST (6 pts.):** Broad and capacious, to accommodate the heart and lungs of a sporting pigeon. It should be big from side to side rather than projecting forward.

**CUTTING:** If any of the foregoing utility features are "cut" to as low as ⅔ of the maximum number of points that are allowed to them (for example, 16 out of the 25 points for condition) then disqualification is automatic.

## BEAUTY FEATURES (33 pts.)

**HEAD (3 pts.):** Small with refined shape and appointments. Gracefully rising from the beak, but with no frontal bulge. Flatness on top permitted.

**NECK** (3 pts.): Medium short, sharply tapered. Broad at shoulder, narrow at head. Tight and clean in front, no gullet.

**EYE (3 pts.):** The "white" (pearl, gravel, etc.) type rather than the "color" (yellow, orange, red, etc.) series is desired.

**CERE (3 pts.):** Fine and dark on intense colored birds, lighter on dilute birds.

**WATTLE (3 pts.):** Small, smooth and white.

**LEGS (3 pts.):** Short, red, free of feathers. Fairly wide-set with a rear placement.

**FEET (3 pts.):** Small but strong. Red with dark nails on intense colored birds, horn colored on dilutes, white permitted on pied birds.

**COLOR AND PATTERN (3 pts.):** In this sporting breed less importance is attached to this category than to any other. With no preference given to any color or pattern, credit should be accorded to the success evident in approaching pattern definition and achieving richness of color. Tipplers are permitted to any color, pattern or marking.

**STATION (3 pts.):** Pronouncedly vertical rather than horizontal. Head up and back. More is to be expected of cocks in this matter.

**EXPRESSION (3 pts.):** Smartness, eagerness, but not wildness should be dominant with no suggestion of dullness or lack of interest.

**CUTTING:** Beauty features, having no great effect upon the working ability of the pigeon, may be cut severely without disqualification.

1928

# The Construction of a Flying Tippler Loft

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When constructing a loft for flying Tipplers, several factors should be kept in mind before one is ready to start the actual construction of the loft.

The price of the loft will possibly be the number one factor. The cost of building materials has risen so much in the last few years that any fancier who intends to construct a loft should check building material prices.

Another factor that you should give consideration to is what size loft you intend to build. The size of the loft should be large enough to meet your needs. The fancier should take into consideration how many birds he intends to house in the loft without over-crowding. By doing this the fancier will get a pretty good idea as to how large a loft he will have to construct.

Last, but by no means least, the fancier must try to picture what the loft will look like upon completion. The loft should be a credit to the fancier, and not an eyesore. Fanciers should take into consideration the people living around him. If the loft is built well and has a nice appearance, chances are none of his neighbors will complain. On the other hand if the loft looks like an eyesore, and is crudely built, you can be sure you are going to have troubles.

The construction of a flying Tippler loft should warrant consideration because, unlike many other breeds, the flying Tippler requires a loft with some special features that other breeds do not require. Before starting to build my own loft I gave it a lot of serious thought, and I also made a set of plans, so I would actually have something to follow.

The interested Tippler fancier should plan a loft which will have at least three partitions. The reason for this is that the fancier will be able to have a section for breeders, kit birds, and young birds. Also the sections will be useful when the sexes are separated after the breeding season.

## Actual Construction

1. Where is loft to be situated on your premises. This is very important because of the weather factor. Here on the East coast we always try to face our front of the loft to the South. Much of our bad weather comes from the North. Another point is that the birds get plenty of sunshine, which they seem to like.

2. The platform of the loft. My loft is so constructed that I have a platform on cement blocks. It is a good idea to pour pillars, (which I unfortunately did not do).

The reason for the platform was to elevate the loft off the ground at least 18". This allows air to circulate under the loft and helps towards a drier loft. The platform should be built sturdy because it has to hold a lot of weight. My platform is 10 x 14. I use 2 x 6 beams and ¾" tongue and groove sheathing. The platform should be braced. I placed the beams 16" on center. Once completed the platform will hold the loft you intend to build.

Framing the loft. When framing the loft the fancier should use at least 2" x 3" studs. They should be placed 16" on centers. In some instances heavier studs might be required if the fancier goes to a larger loft. Windows and door openings should be framed before sheathing is applied.

Sheathing. Tongue and groove or plywood can be used as sheathing. It's up to the fancier which he prefers to use. I would suggest using at least ½" plywood. If plywood is to be used it should be nailed every 6". When tongue and groove sheathing is used, it should be toenailed when it is applied to the studs.

The Roof — Perhaps the most important part of the loft, its job is to keep the elements out of the loft. When the fancier has completed framing and sheathing the loft, the next step is the application of the roof. Shingles may be used if the pitch of the roof is more than 4". Would suggest using a seal-down type of shingle. These are good because they will not be ripped off in high winds. If the roof has a pitch of less than 4" I would suggest that you use rolled roofing. The rolls usually have a selvage of 17". It should be applied with liquid tar. No nails should be showing. The way to do this is to nail the top of the sheet only.

When applying the roof, the fancier should at the same time install roof vents. They are very important because they help to remove stale air in the loft. You should have at least two vents, to insure a proper flow of air throughout the loft. They should be positioned near the highest point of the roof.

Siding — A wide variety of materials can be used for siding. I prefer asbestos, but the fancier should use any material he wishes to. Before applying the siding the fancier should apply 15 pound felt. If the fancier lives in a very cold climate I suggest he use 30 pound felt. It will help keep out really cold weather.

Fly Pens — When constructing the fly pens I used 2" x 2" cedar. Before applying the screening I framed out the fly pens and applied a coat of linseed oil. It helps to prevent the wood from deteriorating rapidly. After this I started to apply the screening. First I applied the bottom of the fly pen. I used ½" screening. The reason I used ½" screening is that the birds walk upon this screening. It also allows the droppings to fall through. It helps to prevent sickness. For the front and sides of the fly pens I used 1" x 2" screening.

After this had been done I painted the whole fly pen to give it a finished look.

Landing Screen — The flying Tippler should have a landing screen. This screen should be constructed so that it is higher than the roof of the loft. The reason behind this is that birds will use this screen to drop in on. It should contain a set of bobs or a trap door so they gain entrance to the loft when they drop in. The top of the landing screen should be covered with 1/8" wire screen. Some fanciers cover the top of the screen with plywood or tongue and groove sheathing, but I prefer screening because it allows snow and rain to drop through.

## Interior of a Flying Tippler Loft

The interior of a flying Tippler loft should be partitioned into three sections: One for breeders, one for young birds, one for kit birds.

Nest Boxes — The nest boxes of a flying Tippler loft need not be very large. I prefer a nest box 12" x 16". Some fanciers prefer a larger nest box, and it is up to the individual as to what size he prefers.

Nest fronts give a neat appearance to the interior of the loft and the birds like them. I like them because it aids in mating-up pairs of birds, and it affords the birds a quiet place in which to breed their young.

Box perches should be installed in each of the three sections of the Tippler loft. The reason for this is that the birds have a place to perch when they are not breeding. In the case of the young bird section, I have installed enough box perches to insure that each bird has a place to perch. The box perches should be at least 10" x 10" for flying Tipplers. I prefer them 12" x 12". They should be constructed with 1" x 4" lumber.

The kit section of the loft should be constructed so that each bird will have a separate box that it can be placed in after a training flight. The box should be constructed so that the birds cannot see one another while in the loft. The fronts can be made of dowel or screening. Provisions should be made on the front so that feed and water cups can be placed on them.

Every flying Tippler loft should have some sort of electricity. The reason for this is that the flying Tippler fancier who intends to fly in competition will have to feed his kit birds by artificial light. Also, it helps to have electricity in the loft when the days get shorter and the fancier returns from work in the dark. By having light in the loft, the fancier has the opportunity to feed and water his birds and spend a little time with them.

I hope I helped in some way to describe how a flying Tippler loft should be constructed. If any interested fancier has any questions concerning the building of a flying Tippler loft. Contact me and I will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

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# Kit Boxes. . .Group or Individual ?

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Kit boxes that I've seen in lofts in the New York area vary in size and shape. Most are located inside the main loft and are either in a section of their own or attached to a far wall. Still others are outside of the main loft and can be considered small lofts and/or "group" kit boxes. One of the smallest kit boxes, that I've seen on movie film, was two feet square and attached to the side of a loft. It housed 4 tipplers and the fancier flew his young bird kit over 13 hours from it. My former referee, the late Bob Lewin, had his kit box (3 ft. long by 1½ ft. high by 1½ ft. deep) mounted on the inside left wall and flew his kit of Old Hens for 14 hrs. 43 min. from it. One of the first "group" kit boxes that I saw was 4 ft. square and the fancier had placed it on a one-story rooftop. He housed both young and old tipplers in it with little or no trouble. A few other ATU members also have these outside "group" kit boxes and are about the same size as the one just mentioned but are used primarily for Young Tipplers, I am told. All of them have their own aviary mounted in front of or on the roof along with a trapping device. There are some that use the individual type of kit boxes and these are about 14 inches square with about two or three of them across, two or three tiers high. The individual boxes usually have a small shelf that extends the length and its' purpose is to hold the feed and water containers for each bird in front of each door. A separate section is required for these boxes and other tipplers that aren't in training do not have access.

The Canadian fanciers favor the "group" kit boxes, built inside, that are about 4 ft. long by 2½ high by 2½ deep and house either old or young tipplers. Toronto fanciers have about three of these type in a section of their lofts.

The English fanciers have still another idea of kit box(es) configuration. Their idea is to have in one section, about 8 ft long, group kit boxes, for the young tipplers, on the floor and about 3½ ft. high, 2½ ft. deep, and 4 ft. long. These two kit boxes (side by side) have a retractable wall and can become one. Above the group boxes are the individual boxes for the Old Bird kit and there are as many as six across with two or three tiers high. Sometimes there are two additional large pens above the individuals and can be used as the fancier likes. Once again, the individual boxes are about 15 inches square, each has a small block of wood for the tippler to sit on.

There are some fanciers that have their doubts about kit boxes and claim that they can "get by" without them. Maybe they can but then why would most of the experienced fanciers resort to the kit boxes? The purpose for the kit box (especially the individuals) is to keep the bird quiet and resting, conserving energy that will be expended only in training flights and also on Contest Day. In a "free" section (no kit boxes whatsoever) where tipplers are kept, those tipplers that the fancier releases as a kit waste their energy flying from the floor to the perch, out to the aviary and back again, many times every day.

Group kit boxes, as mentioned, can accomodate 8 tipplers or more but there should be a perch for each, avoid overcrowding! It is a good idea to have the kit boxes semi-dark but do not block the ventilation.

A fancier should begin to "box" his tipplers from the start, with young birds. Usually, birds never confined to kit boxes before in their lives (Old birds mostly) tend to reject the idea.

In closing, I believe that the use of kit boxes, especially the individual type, is essential and correct in the training program of FLYING TIPPLERS.

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# FLYPENS, SETTLING CAGES AND TRAPS

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When looking at different Tippler lofts it is readily noticable that fanciers have a variety of ways of accomplishing similar ends. Not only are loft interiors designed differently, but so too are the exteriors. The functions which have to be accomplished for this flying breed are fresh air, familiarity with surroundings and a means of control. These are usually handled by ways of flypens, settling cages and traps.

Pigeon lofts should be constructed so as to fit into the architecture of the surroundings. Although we enjoy and are proud of our hobby we should not be overly obtrusive. The loft exterior should be functional and project a positive image of our hobby and in no way be unsightly.

The size of the flypen depends upon ones basic philosophy and location. Traditional writers suggested aviaries the size of the loft and more. Such can look very unwieldy. The reasoning for this large size was to allow the birds plenty of room for exercise, to approximate a free flying environment. This is not necessary. The basic requirement is that the birds have access to fresh air and sunshine. This can be achieved with anything from a small sun porch to a large walk in aviary. Many fanciers supply bath pans, grit feeders and waterers in their fly pens in an effort to keep the loft interior dry and cleaner.

When constructing the flypen, be sure to use small enough wire to keep out unwanted intruders, which may transmit disease and parasites - sparrows, starlings, etc. Another function of the wire to be considered is that it also keeps feathers from escaping. This is especially meaningful in the late summer and early fall when most of the birds are moulting heavily. If your birds are the source of a blizzard of feathers throughout the neighborhood you are not generating a good image of our hobby. I have found ¼ inch hardware cloth to be the most suitable for flypen screening. It is small enough to entrap most feathers and yet sturdy enough to keep out dogs, cats and inquizative children. Regular window screening is not as durable and tends to "blind" with feather dust.

What is used for the bottom of the flypen depends on its size and location. Many use the ground as flooring in large flypens. This is often covered with sand, gravel or sidewalk blocks. If you use the ground as the bottom of your flypen be sure to extend the wire down a foot or so beneath the surface to discourage burrowing critters from tunneling in. If your flypen is up off the ground, you have the option of solid or wire flooring. Wire is convenient. If proper sized there will be minimal cleanup required inside the pen as the droppings will fall through. Mesh sizes of ½ x ½ inch or larger will work well, but do not use anything larger than 1 x 1 inch as footing will be difficult for the birds. Be sure that there is easy access to the area beneath this type of flypen to rake up droppings, feathers, etc. If your flypen is located over something you do not wish to be soiled, for example another part of the loft, flower gardens, shrubs, etc., you will need to use a solid floor. Construct it so that there is a slope away from the loft and drill some half inch or so diameter drain holes around the perimeter. Holes this size will not plug too easily and will allow drainage of water from rain or splash from the bath pan and keep the pen dry. Solid floor pens require routine scraping for proper sanitation.

A novel twist to the solid floor concept is to combine it with a wire floor. This brings together the superior sanitation enviroment of the wire floor and the containment of the solid floor. There are two ways of accomplishing this; mount a hinged or sliding floor beneath a wire floor or suspend a removaibe wire floor above a stationary solid floor.

Flypens will help get the birds accustomed to the surroundings, but usually only from one side of the loft. Settling cages are used to allow the birds limited freedom on the roof of the loft where they can get a better view of the loft location. Settling cages are usually located so that the birds can also be taught how to enter the loft through the trap. Some allow their birds free access in and out of the settling cage from the loft during this training, others place the birds in the cage and call them into the loft after a time. Settling cages can be portable and just set in front of the trap when in use or by a perminant part of the loft structure. Many incorporate a settling cage into the design of the flypen. Settling cages should always be anchored to the loft and be sturdily constructed. When in use, not only are the birds becoming familiar with their environment but also they are acting as decoys for neighborhood cats, hawks, etc. Additionally even a plain wire cage has appreciable wind resistance and can be easily toppled if not fastened down. Perminant cages are achored as part of their construction. Portable cages should be hooked, clipped or tied down in some secure manner.

A second function of the settling cage is the elevation of the loft. The cage extends the height of the loft upward, thereby making it a more probable target for the kit to land on at the termination of a flight. It is hard to get pigeons to land on a low roof if there are higher spots around. Should they land someplace other than on the loft, it many times is tricky getting them to move to the loft and trap within the hour limit. With this in mind, it is a good idea to make the top of the cage an acceptable landing surface.

Some system of trapping the birds is a must to achieve proper control over a kit. Many different designs can accomplish this task. Essentially the requirement is that of a one way door. Once the bird has entered it is "trapped" within the loft and not allowed free access to the skies. The most common version is that of the wire "bobs", a row of verticla metal bars suspended from a horizonal bar mounted so that they swing only inward. Assembled trap bar sets can be purchased from pigeon supply houses. A very inexpensive trap can utilize a "drop door", a horizonally hinged door which extends a little beyond the opening so that it opens only into the loft. The drop door is left ajar a few inches and the birds drop through the opening into the loft. Another trap style involves making one or more holes in the roof of the flypen through which the entering birds can drop, but small enough so that a bird inside cannot fly up and through. The advantages of these three systems is that all are passive. The birds can enter the loft without the aid or participation of the fancier.

For those who wish to get actively involved in the trapping of their birds, there is a method of trapping which uses a large hinged door on the flypen or cage. The fanicer opens the door and coaxes the birds into the cage. Once they are all inside and calmed down, he closes the door behind them, usually by means of a rope pull. This method works well on birds which are skiddish at trapping quickly under other methods either due to being high strung or having dropped before really wanting to go into the loft.

Position the trap in a spot easily accessable for the birds. Some incorporate a trap as part of the settling cage, flypen or loft or a combination of these. With patience the birds can be taught to adapt to most setups. The simpler it is the easier the task will be. The key is to get the birds familiar with your routine and never vary it on fly day from that used in training. If your system is putting the droppers into the cage when bringing the kit down - do not let the droppers free fly to get better recognition. They will spook the kit. Improperly trained droppers flying free will often hit out and should the kit follow a disappointing disqualification results.

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# MACCLESFIELD TYPE TIPPLERS

by Tom Lewis

First of all, I must say that when we are talking about Macclesfield Tipplers we are really referring to the first known tippler and not speaking about a pigeon that may or may not be in Macclesfield today.

As a small boy of 8 or 9 years old, if anybody asked me what was the difference between a tippler and a tumbler I would have replied. "Tipplers are small birds like tumblers except that they come in colors such as prints and mottles both intense and dilute and nearly all had bronze tinting on the feathers. There were also some blues and silvers. They all had small round heads with pearly eyes. Tumblers were all sorts of colours from reds, blacks, blues, almonds and duns in various patterns ranging from selfs to those that had all white or mixed colored feathers called badges, beards, baldheads, oddsides, saddles, grizzles etc. There are also some grizzle or grey tipplers. Tumblers eyes were varied colors from pearl, orange and bull. Tipplers could fly very high for long periods, much longer than the tumblers." One day I voiced the latter bit of juvenile wisdom to an old tumbler man who then had racers. He told me, "You ought to go to Swansea to see the Tumblers flying there." After all these years I can now appreciate what he meant. You see, here in Wales it is only Prints and Mottles that are called tipplers. Other tumbler like pigeons not printed or mottles are called tumblers. All pigeons of the tumbler type that have small round heads with short or medium beaks are said to be tippler looking regardless of colour. Those that have long spindly beaks are said to be tumbler and also tippler like tumblers. You will see all the types of tipplers at Swansea. The old tumbler fancier in Merthyr was referring to the badges, baldheads, oddsides and saddles etc., now and then flown as competition tipplers, as being tumblers. As the original tipplers were crossed into the non tumbling long time flying tumblers, so we get these variations.

The original tippler originated in and around the town of Macclesfield from which it spread around the whole of the Pottery Districts of England. These pigeons were, on the whole, smallish according to present day terminology and featured not too long or short beaks, not too full foreheads though head was rather round; they had pearl eyes, good shoulders, short shallow keels, well set bodies tapering down to the tail, they also had clear, short strong legs and small feet. Flights were broad, coverts well up, with flights extending towards about half inch from the end of the tail. The colours were mottles, dark and light, prints, chucks, greys, bronzes, nearly all having some bronzing showing in the colors. Naturally one must expect that there was some variation in type but the Pottery fanciers practiced a great deal of inbreeding and therefore it is in order for us to assume that eventually they varied according to the likes and dislikes of the fancier breeding them. At this stage I must say that at the time of publication of Hepworth's book, fanciers had not started mixing breeds to obtain the present day Exhibition Tippler though the Show Tippler was being bred.

There are fanciers who go around and claim that such and such a pigeon is a pure Macclesfield or pure Lincoln Crazy. In my view there are now no longer any pure Macclesfield and certainly not Lincoln Crazy pigeons about. We also get fanciers claiming they have pure so and so's pigeons. Since in many cases the fanciers mentioned are deceased, and even if not, as the birds are not being bred to that fancier's ideals, I say it is a mistake to claim that one's pigeons are pure Lovatts or pure Joe Hall's etc. Since they are being bred to the present owner's ideals, then they must be considered his pigeons.

Although the origin of the original tippler (the Macc. type) have not really been set down fully, I personally believe that this type of tippler could have only originated from a cross of the true almond (not dilute reds) with the mottles. The Cumulet may have been used in some non tumbling tumblers but in my opinion it could not have been used in the original tippler (the Maccs). It does not have the right shape or size. When you see a little Macc. type tippler and then look at, say, a short laced almond tumbler, you can see a resemblance. Both are smallish birds with broad breasts and short legs with small feet.

One question will always be asked about the Macclesfield Tippler and that question is "How are there few, if any, Macclesfield Tipplers about today"? The truth is that the pure Macclesfield Tippler did not meet the requirements of the modern competition tippler. The non tumbling tumblers of Leicester and Nottingham could fly longer than them in all weathers on the day nominated for the fly. As a rule the pure Macclesfield tipplers were only flown on good flying days. Also they were not as robust as the non tumbling tumbler. However, tippler fanciers liked the style and look of the Macc. They crossed them into the non tumbling tumbler in order to have the tumbler's strength but retain the style of the tippler. From these no doubt came the big strong Leicester prints. We can also read of the Maccs having been taken to Sheffield where they were crossed into the Sheffield birds. The great Sam Billingham is said to have had these Macs. also the late Jack Whitely. Joe Hall of Stockport is also another well known old tippler flier that in fact flew the Maccs. in competition. His best fly with young birds was to win the A.C. Cup outright. While the Macc. type Tippler was flown in competition, it was some time before they could beat the tumbler's time. However, I expect there are few, if any, people who have pure Macs. today. My own Macc. type tipplers are from two locations. I had some from Mr. Lee of Sheffield (he had them from Mr. L. Guise of London some 40 years ago) and the others from Mr. Travis of Preston (he had them from Mr. Guise of London about ten years ago). Mr. Guise's birds were in fact a blend of Joe Hall's Maccs., Bracegirdles (Macc. type), and Lincoln Crazies. Tom Beecninor of Merthyr, who was a friend of Mr. Guise, recollects that he saw badge tipplers though he also had a lot of bronzes. Incidentally, Mr. Guise is said to have liked dari grey mottles the best.

People well may ask, why keep the Macc. type tippler? The answer to this is quite simple. There is no other pigeon that can fly so high with such a great style over a long period of time. There are few, if any other, flying breed that is so small. Neat and graceful and pretty. They are so pretty and nice that some old fanciers used to think so highly of them that they'd not put them in the pigeon shed, but would keep them in a box of honour in their front passage. For someone that wants a time flying pigeon that flys with a beautiful wing action and whose sole ambition is stylish flying of periods up to and over 15 hours but not the tremendously long times in all weather and conditions as required of the competition bird, then the Macc. type is his pigeon. If his pigeons do not fly as high as he would like, then a cross to the Macc. type hen should produce youngsters that will fly high and with style of the Macc. There is not a better sight than a kit of Macc. type tipplers flying high in the sky on a day with high cloud and moderate breezes. There are competition tipplers that fly high over long periods. However, in my mind, such tipplers owe their high flying capabilities to the original Tippler "The Macclesfield Tippler".

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# LOVATT TIPPLERS IN America

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If any of you had to sit down and come up with an answer to the question "What is the most important thing that has happened to the American Tippler sport in the past 15 or 20 years"? I do not think that it would take much thought to come up with importation of top quality flying birds from England as the majority opinion. This is not to say that we did not already have capable flying pigeons on this continent. The times that Hunt. et al have flown in the past prove that we did, but in recent times we have not been able to consistantly get diploma and double digit flys until these recent imports had made the rounds to many of the lofts of serious Tipplermen. After a number of fanciers started to raise these imports and passed through the learning period discovering how to best handle them many commendable flying times were achieved.

Of those birds that have been imported during this time span undoubtedly the most widespread and accepted are those that Perc Hagan brought over from the loft of Wilf Lovatt. Mr. Lovatt was the first to break the 20 hour barrier with a kit of Tipplers. Lovatt held the World Record for Old Birds on two occasions. On June 10, 1957 he flew a kit consisting of two grizzles and a blue bar, band numbers 209, 1006 and 706, for a time of nineteen hours and forty two minutes (19:42). Then on June 22, 1963 he again set the record with an even twenty hours (20:00) flown by three blue bars, 3156, 3022 and 3033. As you know this record has since been broken a number of times with the current mark being the 20:40 flown by Boden. Not long after Mr. Lovatt's record performance, Perc Hagan arranged to import three pair of Lovatts birds. It is from these six pigeons that all our Lovatts Stateside originated. I had hoped to be able to carry with this article photos of these original Lovatt imports but unfortunately such do not exist. Perc did have and was kind enough to forward photos of Lovatt's two record kits. These I have reproduced and will accompany this article. Even though we do not have photos of the imports we do have descriptions. The following are composites of information included on pedigrees provided with Hagan bred Lovatts and descriptions of the birds as Dick Seabridge saw them on his various trips down to Perc Hagan's.

The six imports that Perc Hagan received from Wilf Lovatt included

NTU—61—3159 A yellow hen with white feathers in her tail. She had flown over ten hours for Mr. Lovatt.

NTU—60—3380 A bronze tic hen. She had some white feathering around her head. She was flown 18 hours 57 minutes in the long day fly of 1961.

NTU—61—3164 A silver dun cock that had flown over 17 hours for Lovatt.

NTU—61—306 A bronze spec cock. This bird had a lot of white on him and probably is better described as a mottle.

NTU—63—1014 Perc had him marked down as a bronze cock. Dick describes him as a velvet black check, he was not a self black. This cock was flown by Lovatt 18 hours and 42 minutes in the 1964 Whitsuntide fly.

NTU—63—1019 A silver dun hen that was flown over 15 hours by Lovatt.

Cocks #306 and #1014 were half brothers, both being bred from hen #3380 with different sires. All of these original imports were closely related to the twenty hour record Lovatt kit. You can see from the above that the imports were capable performers and a sound foundation for the resurgence of endurance flying pigeons in America.

It is easy to arrive at the conclusion that these Lovatts were a healthy shot in the arm when you look at the performances of Lovatt flyers. Maybe the most notable being Bob Kennedy, ATU O.B. record holder - 15:04 - with many 12 plus hour flys. Many others have done well with Lovatts - Howard Carlson (ATU Y.B. record 13:47), the late Bob Lewin (former ATU record holder), Steve Bliszcz (FTA H.S.OB. record 15:45), Dick Seabridge, Perc Hagan, Jim Smith, Howie Johnson, Joe Kelley, Wayne Tomsic and others all with many good flying times.

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## HUGHES TIPPLERS IN NORTH AMERICA

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When Vic Jendzo, a successful Racing Homer flyer, decided to switch to Flying Tipplers, his pigeon experience had taught him that years could be saved in the persuit of success by obtaining top quality stock from a reputable, established fancier. With that in mind, he chose to import birds from Mr. Gordon Hughes of Derby, England. Hughes had been breeding and flying Tipplers since 1925 and during that time had numerous competitive flys in the upper teens of hours. Hughes set the World Young Bird Record of 18 hours and 7 minutes in July 1973. (This has since been broken by Brian Wilson with a time of 18:10 flown July 4, 1982.) Hughes' best old bird competition time was 20:03 flown in 1978. A number of fanciers in England have been quite successful flying pigeons of the Hughes line.

The four birds imported by Vic arrived in July 1967. They included three blue bar cocks: NTU-66-136, NTU-66-148and NTU-66-150 and one blue bar hen NTU-67-0136. (See Front Cover). To date these are the only Hughes imports known to have come to America.

Vic bred and flew the Hughes birds for a few years, enjoying some success in ATU and FTA competitions. After a while his interest in Racing Homers was rekindled and he disposed of the Tipplers. The majority of them went to Henry Sampfield of Philadelphia, PA. Ed Buraczewski of Holbrook, NY and Mickey Conticchio of Jersey City, NJ also obtained a few along with some other members of the American Tippler Union. Both the above have continued to maintain Hughes birds in their lofts and have [illegible] times.

The typical Hughes [illegible]ium to small bird and usually a blue bar s[illegible]lar heads with a prominant eye. In the ph[illegible] that these blues also had some sooty and [illegible]to the basic blue. From photos and accounts by [illegible] he also had a few blue badges and an occasional black self from some selected out crosses after the time of Vic's importation. One of these badge crosses was in the 18:07 Yound Bird Record kit and she, when paired back into the basic family, produced the three birds in the 1978 20:03 kit. Over the years, whether by chance or happenstance, an occasional grizzle materialized in some American lofts. These were paired back into the blues maintaining the structural aspects of the Hughes family.

The Hughes birds tend to be a little on the high strung side. In the couple years which I have flown them, this has not been much of a problem for me as I have a wide open, easy drop to the loft. The way I have handled them in my flat area they have basically been a medium height flyer, but have put on some beautiful aerial performances at pin high. I have not extensively tested them in foul weather, but on a nice day I was fortunate enough to fly a young bird kit for 15 hours and 32 minutes in July 1981.

Although they are not necessarily a "beautiful" looking family of Tipplers, the Hughes birds are proven endurance fliers and have consistantly performed well in Great Britian. They have yet to achieve wide-spread acceptance and support in America.



## "PRISCO" FLYING TIPPLERS

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When Bob Prisco of Moorestown, New Jersey decided to get seriously into Flying Tipplers he chose to import some top quality pigeons from Great Britian. Through the assistance of Arthur Davis, Bob was put in touch with Tom Sheppard, John Lewis and Syd Passmore, three neighbors in the Swansea area of Wales. These three all fly birds of similar heritage, essentially of Syd's making. Arrangements were made and a shipment of ten birds came to the United States in April 1974. Seven of them from the loft of Syd Passmore, a long-time prominant figure in Great Britian's Tippler circles who held his area club's old bird record with a time of 19 hours 30 minutes. Two hens were from John Lewis, who set their club's young bird mark at 17 hours, 15 minutes and one cock was from the loft of Tom Sheppard, the spokesman of the trio.

The actual birds sent included NTU-71-1111, a blue cock; NTU-72-5188, a "huge" white cock; NTU-73-1126, a grey (blue grizzle cock; NTU-73-1134 a bronze badge cock; NTU-73-1113, a blue badge hen; NTU-73-1132, a blue odd flighted hen and NTU-73-1133, a black saddle hen all from Syd Passmore. The two John Lewis hens included NTU-73-1194, a dun and NTU-73-1202 a black badge hen. The Tom Sheppard cock was a black white tail band number NTU-72-1167.

From the color descriptions listed above, you can see why these birds might be considered the most colorful addition to the American Tippler scene in recent history. Some of these birds also carried recessive red, which resulted in some very striking red and yellow mottles for Bob. I had the good fortune to visit Bob a number of time while in New Jersey on business and was able to see and handle the imports as well as many of the offspring. The thing that most impressed me was the wealth of quality feather. Many of the birds had wings that just wouldn't quit.

Usually when one imports pigeons, the birds take on the name of the originator (for example Lovatt, Hughes, Cullen. etc.) but in this instance they became tagged with the name of the importer, Prisco, rather than the breeders. Maybe this was due to the birds coming from three different lofts. They were often referred to as "roller-marked" birds. Many times in a not so complementary manner. The Swansea birds never caught on in the New York, New Jersey area, which was and is still heavy into Lovatts. Bob's time was spread over many areas - school teaching, family, sports, racing thoroughbred horses, etc. - and maybe the birds never were given a fair shake. Although Bob flew a few ten plus hour competitive times, there was not much fancier interest in his birds and eventually Bob lost heart and disposed of the birds.

A few have given the "Prisco's" a try and found them to be fairly easy to handle. Most often the imports are that they fly low. One fancier has been known to watch his kit fly up and down the streets beneath his roof-top loft on a three story brownstone. There are many times when mine have had to climb to clear telephone wires, trees, etc. There are many things that affect the height of a kit — weather, feed, condition, terrain to touch on a few — but also some strains prefer to fly at specific altitudes. It appears as though at least here in America the Swansea birds are low to medium height fliers.

Through the generosity of Stan Ogozalek, I have been trying Prisco's for a couple years now. Besides the feather quality already mentioned what has most impressed me is the steadiness of these birds in poor light. I have consistantly had little or no problem getting even untrained kits to land in the semi-darkness of 15 to 40 minutes after sunset. I have also released them into darker sky in the morning than any other birds and had no problems even on the initial toss in early dawn. They are good rakers, but care must be taken to pick birds which will kit tightly.

If you are looking for something to add sparkle to your loft, variety of color and pattern, the swansea birds may be for you.

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# BASIC TRAINING

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From "Showing the Flying Tippler"

When about one month old, the birds selected for the flying kit are placed in their flying section, and after a few days confinement, allowed "open loft" to get to know their home inside and out. The age at which they can be started will differ according to strain, but it should be before they are strong enough to become airborne. As soon as possible, take them from the nest and play with them on the loft roof. This "open loft" privilege is continued for only about one week and is never again a part of their management. After this they will be in the loft or in the air.

During this time the birds get to know the Dropper (usually a white Fantail hen) which is later put in with them every time (but only when) they are fed. In the beginning, the dropper can be placed on the roof and a few small seeds can be thrown to keep the young kit birds from taking off if they are strong enough.

Real training begins (at about six weeks of age) by urging the squeakers to fly about by waving a flag (but do not frighten them) and enticing them down by placing the droppers on the roof of the loft. At this stage the droppers are no longer released with the kit and are shown only if needed. Get your team accustomed to one or several droppers and don't expect to get results if a strange one is used. Chase them up if they start to land anyplace else. The "flag" can be mounted on the loft to keep them flying the required length of time.

This first training fly should begin in the dusk and end before it is too dark. They are flown every evening, a half-hour increase each day, until the "four hour training fly" is reached, at which stage they are flown only every other day.

While still in the nursery the youngsters are given all they can eat, including plenty of pellets, but during the "open loft" time they are placed on the "barley only" diet that will have them "dragging their feet" instead of being stimulated to fly too much too soon and become lost before that know the neighborhood. Make sure though that the youngsters do know how to eat and drink, as a setback at this critical time can be disastrous.

As soon as the every other day flying is started, the kit should be fed only after dark and at least an hour after landing from the training fly. Feeding will be done by electric light, so placed, as to throw no frightening shadows on the landing board.

They should be released at a time that will enable them to finish the four hour training flight just before darkness sets in. During "Feed-up" week, this will be stretched out to six, or even eight hours. Dropping a team of high strung Flying Tipplers that has been keyed up by long flying is most difficult. Adding darkness to this makes it doubly so. They are actually "spooked" by their own shadows.

Always signal the kit to drop at the appearance of the dropper. Never permit them to come down without this signal. If they attempt this, chase them up, and toss the dropper as soon as the kit comes over again. Guard against the birds tiring and toss the dropper at the first sigh of this before they drop away to rest on a wire or a pole, or any other location out of bounds.

The birds on the team (three kit birds and a "spare") are kept in "stalls," individual boxes that can be closed. They are released only to be fed, bathed or flown. This is continued as long as they are to be used in competition. It is not desirable that the birds have room to move about in these stalls so that they need not be more than 16 or 18 inches square. Ideally, these should be so located that the birds in training cannot see or hear any of the other pigeons (breeders, youngsters, etc.). An exception to this is an

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experienced, settled, Flying Tippler hen that flies the way you want your youngsters to perform. This hen (an added spare, actually a "leader") often prevents "flyaways". The association of the leader hen with the young bird kit will be short-lived and should not continue after the youngsters know the neighborhood. Old birds do not have the young birds' zest for flying and will drop the kit too soon.

In the first week of flying, be satisfied with a flight during which they fly in a bunch and drop on the loft, because this is training, not conditioning, and you are not yet seeking sustained flight. Certainly, do not commit the often made error of chasing them up more than once, either to start them or to keep them from landing.

Always be sure that the kit is capable of doing what you ask of it. Check the condition of pigeons and weather and release only if everything is "going for you."

If a Tippler does not follow through when you are sure he knows better (such as dropping well ahead of the others) there is generally a good reason. Look for it and correct it before the next fly.

Set up a definite routine so that the pigeons will know what to expect next and will anticipate it; do not confuse them by varying your program needlessly.

Teaching one thing at a time and move on to the next only after the first lesson is learned. A good example of this is getting then to know and accept the inside of the loft, the landing board and roof of the loft, and then the neighborhood in sight of the loft.

The "barley only" diet that is the ideal, might have to be stepped up to a barley and/or wheat fare, and even add some stimulating seeds (although this is a low feed phase) if the kit is safely settled to the neighborhood, of course, depending on whether they need to be picked up or toned down. This admittedly pertains to conditioning, not training, but it does fit in here. In connection with this you should familiarize your youngsters with the grains they will later be fed during the "build-up" by giving them a few of these grains, (peas, corn, rice, etc.) from time to time. At this stage (preparing young birds for the Spring-Summer series of contests) the pigeons will be too young to be affected, but later, (and always with an old bird team) remember that kafir will make hens broody and reduce their flying tendencies.

A well trained kit of Flying Tipplers is a perfect example of the "birds of a feather that flock together." They should know, and feel an attachment to, only their team mates (which include the spare and the old experienced leader hen that "shows them the ropes") so that they will not be lured down to join birds on the ground or loft, nor to join and follow flocks of strange pigeons passing over the loft. This exclusiveness is fostered by having the team do everything (fly, eat and bathe) together; never alone and never with strange pigeons. This will go far to effect the team spirit that will send them up, keep them up, land and settle them, all together. It will reduce disqualifying actions such as birds refusing to start, going on a "split," or overflying.

Besides the leader and the non-flying dropper (Fantail usually), some "ground crews" include a bird or a breed capable of some flying (the Nun is popular for this job) that will fly up and join the kit for a few turns, then entice them down.

The opportunity to take a bath should be given at least once a week. It will be better if a warm sunny day rather than a cloudy or rainy day is chosen for this, and early enough in the day for the feathers to dry out before the birds are returned to their stalls. Do not give bath after the last training fly, (several days before the contest) as this removes the bloom from the feathers which will not be regained in time.

All authorities do not approve of all parts of this program, but essentially this is the framework within which most successful fanciers operate.

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## SETTLING AND FLYING YOUNG BIRDS

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By: Tippler Ben

From the day of hatching, young tipplers must be subjected to a very strict selective process. Never tolerate weaklings or sick youngsters. There are no cull-free strains and if we fool enough to nurse along cripples, we are destined to fail. Young birds, which have survived the initial selection, are removed from their parents at 21 days and placed in a flying box 14" x 14" x 14". Food and water is left with them until they are about 4½ weeks old, thereafter they are fed on ¾ measure barley in the evening and watered only once after feeding. Because they are confined to a small space, they are more manageable and soon become hand tame and obviously regard me as a friend. When they are about 4 weeks old, they are put into the outside trap with an old trusty Tippler hen. Do not leave them there for more than about 2-3 hours per day. After a couple of days, they will soon begin to follow the old hen up to the perches in the trap. When this occurs, they can see the loft top and the other inhabitants of the world outside. The use of the outside trap is essential to settle our youngsters — before I began to use it my losses were trememdous, especially when a gull or a large carrion crow appeared. Young Tipplers that have never encountered a menacing crow almost always take fright and leave the loft top, never to be seen again. When about 5 weeks old, they are able to be called into the loft from the trap. At this stage, a very hungry white dropper is used. The old hen will follow the dropper and our Tipplers will follow the old hen. After a couple days of this treatment, put the Tipplers in the trap with the old hen and when call in time comes use the dropper and your call — you will find that the Tipplers have grasped the idea that the dropper means food and security of the main loft. We have now reached the stage where it is necessary to bring our treasures down in condition to a state when I feel most sorry for them. This is attained by reducing their intake of barley to ½ measure (2 teaspoons full). They will now be very keen and when you approach them, giving you call, they will raise their wings and scurry around looking for food — the old hen must also be in the same condition or even lower. This is the time when I give them their liberty. Some fanciers prefer to wait until the eye develops, but last year I had a young cock who retained his nest eye until he was 13 weeks old and had flown in competition! It is advantageous to use 2 or 3 more droppers at this stage. I prefer droppers that are capable of flying two or three times around the loft and then dropping to the loft. Now with the droppers, the old hen and the ONE Tippler, I open the trap and call them on to the roof. I throw a few bit of barley around and this captures the attention of all birds. Then I pause for a couple of minutes and more often than not, the droppers will strike up with the old hen and the Tippler will invariably follow. If the Tippler does not follow the other birds don't put the brush under him and scare him up. Call the droppers down and get the young bird in — then try another Tippler. After a couple of evenings, the young Tipplers should take flight with the droppers. At this stage, I always hold a dropper back to entice the others down and detour the youngster from coming down without a signal. The young Tipplers are flown singley with the droppers each evening and after 2-3 evenings they begin to kit with the droppers. The next step is to let our Tipplers and the old hen out without the droppers. If I have 6 Tipplers, I split them into 2 kits of 3 to minimize losses at this early stage. They will all strike up and I put the droppers under them without delay. If all goes well after 5-10 minutes, they will come to the loft. Each time out after this, they are allowed to fly a little longer. Then the old hen is left out and the Tipplers diet is increased to a full feed one night and a half feed the next night, they are also flown on alternate nights and the full feed given after flying. By using this method, losses are minimized and the young birds are under control. When we are sure of them, they are given a full feed each night and their flying time is extended to 3-4 hours. To improve their training fly, I feed one night ¾ barley, ¼ maples, next night feed ¾ barley, ¼ small maize (corn) — fly next day 5-7 hours.

## SETTLING YOUNG TIPPLERS TRAINING TO DARKNESS

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At five to six weeks old, I put my squeakers on top of the trap, it is about twelve to fourteen feet off the ground. They sit there all day with the droppers moving around them. As they get stronger I then bring them inside of the trap with a couple of placid droppers. At eight to ten weeks old, they are coming under the discipline of the droppers inside the trap. When I think they are ready, I then take the corn (feed) away for three or four days, if not satisfied. Then I get up at about 3:30 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. to start breaking them one at a time. The reason for this is because I'm in the middle of a lot of Tumbler flyers. After getting them round one at a time, I increase the time by four to eight minutes. My youngsters are in and out of the trap all day after the third day they should start kitting up. Then I increase the flying time by thirty minutes. The youngsters are then flown twice daily for 5 to 6 days getting them up to 2½ hours each time. If successful, I train every other day 4 to 6 hours. Then when the birds are coming to the trap and getting good corn (feed), training is twice per week.

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First of all, the lights on the shed (loft) should be well placed so there aren't any shadows, it takes a bit of sorting out, but it can be done. The first stage is then for the droppers. Fix a lamp up over your trap then ½ an hour before darkness put your droppers inside the trap and get your light on. When the droppers are settled down throw a little corn in and make them run after it. Then after one or two nights when really hungry play with them on top of the shed, after that is all practice and patience. Then we come to the Tipplers. Put your Tipplers out, later in the day and have them flying to the sunset, go gently with the birds and have the lights on in daylight at first, so as daylight fades you drop your birds. Continue this method at the same time, always feed your birds under lights after coming in. You will find that the birds will fly longer in darkness as they get more practice. Then when you think the birds have had enought, you then put on the lights and the droppers out.

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## SETTLING YOUNG TIPPLERS

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After the young birds are removed from their parents they are fed as much as they wish to eat on mixed corn for a week. During the next week I commence by feeding them on wheat and gradually cutting down on their wheat, adding more malt barley to the feed each evening, until by the end of the week they are feeding on malt barley only. Now I cut down their feed further, making them sharp and hungry, and yet in good condition.

Each day since taking them away from their parents and whilst this reduction of diet has been going on, I have given them full use of the aviary each day from morn until dusk, wherein they can see all around and more or less get used to the surrounds before they are released. I leave my Fantails also in the aviary each day with the youngsters.

When this is all done, on a fine day preferably, I release one bird at a time on to the loft with the Fantails, keeping the other youngsters in the aviary in full view of the one released. Should the bird strike up I try to get it down as soon as possible. I always find this first time out is most tricky, as if the bird strikes as soon as released for the first time, it is very difficult to get down, as it is not used to the top of the loft on the outside. However, I do this with each bird until I have them all used to walking on top of the loft and aviary. After a day or two most of the birds will have fluttered around the loft and settled again, except, of course, for the ones which have flown off and not returned. Now is the time to get them flying, but I only let two up a once which are not "nestmates," and when I have got them down I repeat the performance with two more until the lot have had a short fly. After two or three days of this I let the whole kit up together, being very careful not to overfeed them the day before, as once they get on the wing as a kit, even though they are very hungry, they may easily get out of bounds and become lost. However, if they do get lost in such circumstances they have a good chance of returning. I find it is a good thing to keep a couple of old birds with the kit for a week to bring them back home, but the old birds must be very hungry otherwise they may fly the youngsters away.

When I have the birds fully used I let them out at the same time every other day and drop them at dusk, feeding on malt barley and a little linseed. After having done this for a month or five weeks I would consider the youngsters trained and ready to be built up for a competition.

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## THE MAKING OF A YOUNG BIRD KIT

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The first thing that one needs to produce a quality kit of young Tipplers is a quality breeding team. Since competition flying kits are usually small, three to seven birds, there is no need for a large number of breeding pairs. The important thing is that these breeders be of quality stock and be in good health. It is preferable that they be of the same family or strain so that the offspring are as similar in style, etc. as possible. By style I am in no way meaning that they all have to be the same color and the like, but rather that the birds have the same temperament, desire and way of flying. If a kit does not have these the birds will be working against themselves at the cost of time when the goal is the longest endurance performance.

Now that you have your breeders it is time to start making that kit. Put the pairs together at the same time so that they will all lay and start earning their keep at the same time, at least within a couple days of each other that is. This is accomplished if the breeders are separated by sex prior to the beginning of the breeding season.

After the ycungsters are about four weeks old start putting them out on the loft roof so that they can get accustomed to the surrounding and learn how to trap. Watch these squeakers while they are out on the roof. Look for the ones that are the most active and alert. Look for that intangible thing called expression. Quite often you can pick out the best kit of the bunch before they even take to wing.

Do not startle the youngsters while they are out. Even at this age they often are capable of flying off but not smart enough to find their way back. Usually sometime between five and six weeks of age a few birds will start to take a few brief swings around the loft. Still do not spook them because to do so will have them flying uncontrollably resulting in a high loss perceniage. By this time the birds should be fully weaned and in the young bird section where you can regulate their diet, keep them hungry but not starved. You want them to react correctly to the call to trap, whistle, droppers and the like, but not undernourished to the point where they will not develope properly.

Once the kit has all taken a few of these brief sorties and returned you will notice more of them doing it together and some staying up more than a couple minutes. It is now time to start them out as a kit. Chase them all up together but do not be too disappointed when you see at least half as many kits as you have birds up. It could be worse, they all could be flying singly. Whenever they want to come down let them, show the dropper, whistle and let them know that they are welcome at home. Toss a little grain on the roof and call them in. Keep track of which birds are the most reluctant to stop flying. After a few times out the birds should be kitting pretty well and flying a little longer, be sure that there is enough daylight ahead of them because they are capable of flying a lot more than you may think. It is up to you to minimize the overfly through judicious feeding and a watchful eye on the weather.

With the kit stock flying in decent style it is now time to make the decision as to which birds are best suited to create your competition kit. If you started with an inbred strain of brids the wing action of the youngsters all ought to be similar but make sure that all the candidates are the same. Pay attention to depth and frequency of stroke. Pick birds that always kit properly, you cannot afford to have one split on fly day. Hopefully you have a half dozen or so that have passed this preliminary cut. These birds should now be flown together separately from the remainder of the young birds. It is a good idea to keep flying the balance of the youngsters as there is a possibility that now that you have removed some "compatable" birds the less dominant remaining birds will be able to show their stuff and produce another good kit with a slightly different style. In the game of Tippler flying it is always a good idea to have an insurance kit if possible. Even if you cannot find that insurance kit, the working with six or so youngsters is some insurance itself.

Now that the potential kit is down to more workable numbers it is time to consider using kit boxes so that strict control of diet and exercise can be achieved. If the youngsters are still very young often it is a good idea to use a community kit box instead of the individual boxes, especially if fly day is close at hand. As if it is you cannot afford to have the birds down a couple days learning how to adjust to a life of solitude. They will eat better at that age with company. The traditional diet at this stage is wheat and barley with a few peas.

Fly the kit every other or every third day always with a watchful eye to be certain that each bird belongs up there. If any one tends to split pull it out. Watch to see which birds tire first. You may have to adjust that birds diet or it may not have just what it takes to make it with that kit. The birds should be doing four to six hours by now and responding properly to the droppers at dusk. Do not let the birds come down without being invited. If they look to want down early spook them up, let them know that they are to fly until you want them to come down. But do not chase them more than twice on the same fly or they are liable to hit out elsewhere, especially if they are tired. If they are tired call them down, do not give them the chance to develope bad habits. With the early tired weeded out you are probably down to four or five birds and it is now time to see how they will react to stress. Put them out early and see just how long they will go. Each bird has a different threshold, what you are after is those that have the best endurance. Watch to see which bird is turning the kit, stopping it form raking off as far as it did early on. Which bird starts to look at the loft first waiting for you to show the droppers? How long into the fly before this behavior is exhibited? If towards the end you may want to keep the bird in the kit to help guard against an overfly when they are fed up, but if it is long before the rest of the kit tires that bird is best dropped from the kit.

Hopefully you now have at least three capable flying young birds from which your kit is molded. It is best to have four if possible so that a spare is available should the need arise. You know from the above that these birds are compatible and have comparable capabilities. All that remains is to get them to peak on the fly date. This is done by way of what is called the "feed-up". The kit has been trained and conditioned on a "low" feed and now they have to be given a full tank to get the most out of them.

Tippler feed-ups are as variable as the fanciers who use them, with many being extremely intricately involved. An awful lot of the old feed-ups were more for keeping the fanciers happy that they were doing something special than they were nutritionally beneficial to the birds. But when one looks at the trends of these variable feed-ups they basically involve taking a kit that has been conditioned on a "low" feed such as wheat and barley and for a week or so before the fly date building this diet up with high fat content seeds along with a decent dose of protein. The amounts vary depending on the strain of birds and the conditions under which they must perform.

There is no sure fire "secret" formula that when used in a feed-up will produce consistant winning performance times although some will say this or that is great and sure to bring you success in the air. The path to success is no secret - it involves flying properly trained and conditioned birds with an endurance flying attitude. And stress the latter of these as a bird with the proper endurance flying attitude can more than make up for a variety of physical shortcomings that it may have.

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## TRAINING FLYING TIPPLERS

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In the following lines I will deal with the training of youngsters - birds which are to be flown together in kits. The number usually flown together is three birds to a kit and the amount of feed is calculated on this three-bird basis.

When your youngsters are five weeks old take them from the old birds and place them in the flying loft. Right then start them out on barley (the whole grain). On the first night give them all they will eat. If they are hungry they will eat it. After the birds have eaten give them a drink of water to which you have added Epsom Salts (one teaspoon full to a quart of water). Make sure that every bird gets a drink, some timid youngsters you may have to help a bit by placing their beaks in the water. Now it's time to close up for the night.

"Daily Feeding"

Feed one and one-half eggcup of barley per three birds at a feeding. After your youngsters are well settled you may drive them into flight, but keep your droppers handy if the birds become too wild. Settle them down to flying every other day. If you should find that they fail to do well on straight barley, then alternate, feeding barley one day and wheat the next day. If your birds do three to four hours on barley alone, then you need not use wheat. One must use his own judgment in this matter.

"Suggestions for Flying"

Fly your birds as near to dark as possible, and do not feed them until one hour after you have dropped them. Always use droppers, never letting the birds drop without them. Once your birds have dropped walk them into the loft. Do not allow them to loiter on the roof-top.

The way in which a fancier's birds fly depends almost entirely on his method of handling and feeding. In 1939 I flew a kit of youngsters for over twelve hours. At the start of their fly, I told the timer that I was not very hopeful, for it began to rain about thirty minutes after the birds took to the air. The rain stopped only to be followed by a very miserable mist. The night before I had fed my kit a mixture containing corn. If it had been a hot day, I have no doubt that the birds would have been down after the first few hours.

"Special Care"

Once your kit is doing three to four hours, you may begin to build it up for longer flying. Start out by giving your kit an eggcup of mixed bird seed for three birds, finishing off with barley. Always feed once a day, just at dusk or at a time most suitable after you return from work. When your birds have cleaned up the feed, allow them to have grit and a drink of water. Then remove grit and water (also feed spoiled on floor), and your job for the day is done.

There are many special feed-ups used by fanciers who swear by fanciers who swear by them, but you must use your own common sense and study the birds and the grain they are fond of and which are good for them. Feed moderately or else your birds will drop to the loft-top and begin to throw up. Your bird is equipped with three important organs—heart, lungs, and liver—on these the strain of the long flying falls. The bird fanning his wings in flight puts these organs in action. The lung takes in the much needed oxygen, the heart carries it to where it is most needed, and the liver carries off the poison produced by fatigue. If you overfeed, you upset the functions of these organs, cuasing a strain on the liver so that the bird gets a bad hangover. Strong muscles-another requisite of a good-flyer-you help build by giving exercise and sustaining feed.

Now let us go back to the point where we started giving the youngsters canary seed. Their main food so far has been barley and perhaps wheat-if your birds need it. You have given the youngsters a shot of canary seed finished off with the old stand-by—barley. On the following night toast some bread, crush it, and feed it with part of a hardboiled egg. Add a little rape seed to this feeding, give them a drink of water and their grit; this completes another day's work. The following day return to full barley and set the birds out for a fly. Follow this scheme with a feeding of a good pigeon mixture one hour after your birds have dropped. Once a week give Epsom Salts in the water to keep the birds cleaned.

"The Use of Rue"

For birds in training often a special drink is suggested. I have used rue successfully. An old fancier once wrote me that he never used rue except to condition a bird. I continued the use of rue, for I felt that I was conditioning the youngsters. If they refused to drink it, then I made a change. I buy dried rue from the drugstore and steep it as I would steep tea. I have heard some fanciers say that they boil rice, drain the water off for a change. The night before a race a few drops of Port Wine may be added to the drinking water.

In conclusion I wish to re-emphasize that a fancier must use his common sense in discovering what feed his birds will fly on. Some birds will fly well on one feed while others will not. And a few won't fly on any kind of feed-they belong in the soup pot. Please remember that I have not been trying to set up any special method of feeding, but that I have simply offered you some practical suggestions.

## FLYING TIPPLER NOTES

Pigeon Review, May 1980 by W. Lovatt

By the time these few lines are published pigeons that have been in training for Easter Fly competition should be giving their owners some idea of what to expect from them on fly days. Yet it is not always what we expect but what we get. The experienced fancier is not infallible to mistakes, but his experience generally pulls him through and my advice, for what it is worth, is to handle every pigeon before turning them out to fly through training. Feel for body condition; no two pigeons handle the same, you will soon find this out by continual handling. Feel them, when they go out to fly, then again when you get them in and notice the change in body. If your pigeons are in good body condition, being tight in flesh, give them more time to fly than if they are poor. Some pigeons handle good even being fed on barley which is the competition flyers' staple feed during training. All fanciers have their own method of training and feeding in preparation for that day that day must be competition day. Not the day before or the day after.

Some train for a longer period than others but I think three weeks is enough, longer is apt to get them stale. Some ration the barley, giving less than others. I give a little under what they could eat up, being a fancier that likes to see his kit fly strong and not looking for the droppers all the time. I would sooner take an hour to drop them, than have to drive them for an hour. No matter what method is used, all are successful. But to be successful you must have a method to work to. Some fanciers change the diet from barley sooner than others, some ten, some six, others three days before competition. No matter which period you prefer, the pigeons are improved if cleared out with a drink of Epsom Salt one night and rue tea the next. Some birds are very stupid at drinking either and I find by giving a little linseed or crushed bread along with the barley they are glad to a drink to wash it down. The last two days the birds are fed on barley. I know an old fancier who used to soak his barley for 12 hours in Salts, also in rue tea, then dry it gradually and put it in tins until he wanted it. He called it his Special Barley. This fancier was a good Tippler fancier but had a bad flying position, otherwise would have been amongst the champions. Incidentally, he did fly over 17 and 18 hours and he did not wait for his pigeons to drink salts or rue and he never made excuses for his pigeons, if they did not do as expected, it was too bad. His birds were very small, a good training and with a couple of feeds of mixed corn, he said, they would fly grand for 12 hours. It is remarkable how soon a Tippler will improve in body condition, and it is also surprising how soon they lose that body condition.

If only the novice and beginner would handle his kit every day after he has changed from barley to other grains he would not think about those so-called secret feeds and tonic drinks. He would notice a change every day in their body condition. Some birds put on body condition sooner than others, and some will never put an ounce on, but if one or another of my kit do not improve I do not worry. If they have all eaten what I gave them they will be strong. There is nothing to beat good, sound maple peas for stamina. I have flown good times off two nights maples, one corn, one corn and wheat, next corn, wheat and mixed canary and fly morning bit rice, corn, wheat, canary.

For a tonic nothing is better than Parishes Chemical Food. Twenty drops in a pint of water fly morning, clean water that has been boiled and gone cold.

If pigeons, after a barley training and cleaned out with Salts and given rue to drink before giving this simple feed, will not fly 12 hours up to 16 hours, it is bad training or birds. No one can fly duds, for remember, 18 hour pigeons are not as plentiful as cherries on a cherry tree.

To fly 18 hours or more the birds must have favorable weather conditions with helping winds. There are many Tippler fanciers that never fly times because they fly from bad positions and it is always hard work for their kits to fly even 12 hours. These fanciers are true sportsmen, never grumble but keep competing with fanciers who have better flying positions. I was surprised to read Mr. E. Loach's remarks, saying he had been down to Leek years ago. I and one or two of the Hanley Club Members go down to Leek several times, and I can assure him there are no Tipplers down there today of the same type, color or size as he saw there years ago. The Leek, Congleton and Macclesfield type were all alike, not the size we see now. The size is spoiling the balance and type we older fanciers always look for in a Flying Tippler. The old saying, a good big 'un will beat a good little one, does not apply to Flying Tipplers. Some of the big pigeons must be 1½ pounds in weight, but I expect it is everyone to his own idea, and as in all other fancies, type and size change with the times. But in Tipplers I prefer a nicely balanced pigeon as a time flyer and this is my opinion of what to look for in a Flying Tippler. You can publish these few remarks as typed down last year by Mr. R. Stephenson. He came to my loft and asked me to demonstrate to him how and why the difference in type and what I looked for to be my ideal of a Flying Tippler. I penned him four pigeons and pointed out faults and good points in every one separately and thought what a good job he had done after receiving his views a few days later. There cannot be any fixed type in the Flying Tippler and we all have different opinions, but these were and still are my ideas of a Flying Tippler. Hoping these few lines will be of interest to the beginner and some other abler pen than mine will write a few remarks.

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# TRAINING TO LIGHTS

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By: P. Field

First, fix a good weatherproof light so that it lights up the cage and top of the loft. This being the only place you wish your birds to drop to. Try to get the light concentrated on this point so that your droppers, which you can use either in the cage or loose on the top, are clearly seen the whole time. With a pair of droppers, I should suggest keeping the hen in the cage and have the cock out on top, this should encourage him to flap about and so attract your kit. The main thing, first of all, is to give your birds confidence to be out in the dark. This also applies to your droppers as it is fatal in my opinion if your droppers are nervous. Try to avoid having to drive them to make them work as in doing so you may be scaring your flyers also as they will be watching these birds below. I suggest that you train your dropper cocks first of all as suggested previously. Put the hen in the cage and get the cock out on top, doing this before dark. When dusk, get him used to the light going on without scaring him off, meanwhile throw a bit of seed occasionally just to keep his attention. Next, you have to teach him to go into the cage when required. After progressing this far and the weather permits, even if you do not have him out each night, give the droppers a feed in the cage after it is dark, for a week, they will become used to the light quicker. I always feed my flyers by artificial light right through the year, as I think that this makes them realize that the lights mean feeding time. Do the same with the birds you wish to fly, let them into the cage when it is dusk and when dark put on your light and throw them a bit of corn (feed) or seed and get them confident enough to feed in the cage. Whenever you approach the loft especially when dark, talk to your birds, you will find that they start to coo knowing that it is you and are not frightened, having got your birds used to the light going on. Before it is dark, have them out one at a time letting them flap about and pitch back to the loft. Have the rest of the kit in the cage and your droppers out the whole time. This method allows them to get used to their surroundings again, leave them out but watch out for cats and when dark switch on your lights, make sure to take care and not scare the birds at all. After they get used to this, get them back into the cage with a little seed. After a while you will only need to open the cage door and your birds will automatically go in. After settling them in this manner, turn them out for a spin making sure that the birds will be ready to come before dark, but remember when you have reached this stage put out your droppers and switch on the light even if it is not really dark, for preference when the street lights go on as the kit can see their surroundings and do not get confused. If you are patient enough and can spare the time to persevere on these lines and use a little common sense everyting should be OK.

Some birds are different in temperament to others and so react in a different way being more unreliable. If you get a bird acting awkward in training do not let it spoil the rest of your kit but persevere with those that give you satisfaction. you will find it will take quite a little time and patience to get the results you require but it is worth the effort. Once

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# GOOD DROPPERS ARE IMPORTANT

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by Jack Prescott

The use of droppers of some kind is essential when we need to drop our pigeons at will. The basic rule is that pigeons (and man too) when frightened, hungry or lost will follow any conspecific that appears to have confidence and is proceeding with some apparent aim and purpose. It therefore follows that after a long fly and a build-up of nervousness is in evidence — no doubt intensified by the failing light — then such pigeons may find great difficulty in dropping to their loft top. Rather than drop at their loft — they may very well drop some distance away to be disqualified. Now the appearance of droppers that are displaying confidence and absolute lack of fear or nervousness — definately will inspire confidence into otherwise very nervous and tired birds. This, of course, is more noticed when the droppers used are ones with which the kit is very familiar. Another basic rule is that pigeons react nervously towards a strange intruding conspecific, especially one of unusual color or of peculiar flying style.

Of course, it is a matter of degree. Some strains are notoriously nervous when dropping and require what is termed a "Maximum pull". Other strains respond to the slightest flutter and in some cases — they respond to simply the "call down" given by the owner.

However, most pigeons that have done the time or the distance develop a sort of flying trance. After this period or even during this period, there is generally a build-up of very nervous tension and they behave as if the loft top is red-hot or cat infested for no apparent reason. For this reason — obviously — such birds need help and the best help is from well known and extremely confident conspecifics.

Obviously, if one's pigeons will drop almost as soon as one stops waving his arms or blowing his trombone, then it is rather ridiculous to worry about droppers. However, let us presume that some clear signal of clearance to drop and the inspiration of clearance to drop on demand is required.

First of all, let us understand that no working animal will operate without signals or words of command. The horses, dogs, falcons and all of the circus animals operate on a sequence of signals, sounds and signs, therefore why should we expect pigeons to be different?

High Intensity droppers, as used by a certain English fancier, indicate that he expects a high degree of nervousness at dropping time. His droppers are very, very old, extremely tame and no doubt capable of flying in pitch darkness around the loft area and trained to drop in the area which is floodlit. Such old birds will have a very low sex drive and will not sexually confront a freshly dropped Tippler whose nerves are as tight as violin strings. There are droppers that have done this, caused a strike up again — with disastrous results.

However, this fancier knows what he is doing, hence droppers that are old enough to be my grandfather. He puts up these droppers, 6 or 7 of them and these will fly and no doubt join up with the kit. What better influence could he provide? The 6 or 7 will drop with confidence and no doubt fetch the kit down too.

He can operate these droppers many times and he knows very well that they will not defect and will only drop in the floodlit area. This is termed as a "high pressure" dropping system. A great many people operate a few fantails on the loft top and make them flutter with a long thin bamboo cane. As you know, it is the flutter that gives the "pull". Droppers that "freeze", are of no value at all and I doubt whether entranced birds or nervously inclined birds will notice them. However, no matter whether we use droppers to inspire courage to drop or simply as the "green light" (clearance to land), I say that droppers are essential — if the pigeons are doing time of any consequence. Naturally — if one's birds are clearly "shagged out" as we say — after a few hours and are ready go drop at any price — even facing the trombone or a submachine gun — then of course — I see not reason to feed droppers. Furthermore — if one's birds are steady and readily respond to open clearance there seems to be no case for droppers.

Well — some people can manage without droppers — they themselves act as the dropper — and their birds respond to their call down. Some signal for clearance to drop has to be made. The nervousness and reluctance to drop has to be directly proportionally treated by intensified clearance to drop or encouragement to drop.

If, for example, a call down plus the appearance of a couple of well known loft mates on the loft top are sufficient to drop a kit then there is no need to intensify the pull.

If, for example, one has a very nervous and highly strung strain then of course more droppers and even droppers that can take to the air and join up before dropping with absolute confidence may be essential. It is well known that some pigeons become extremely nervous after overstress, in failing light or in certain abnormal atmospheric conditions. At such times, such birds need additional incentive or encouragement to drop. To have a few "Fannies" (as we call them) stand on the top of the pen as though they were posing for a photo are of no value at all. There is no pull from such as these. The flutter from one end of the loft, done with confidence, will generally give a lot of pull.

Maximum pull can only be given by pigeons that are trained to give it. They are called High Intensity droppers. Let us compare a frightened, over-excited, nervous or just plain stupid kit of Tipplers that cannot seem to get down to the droppers that are fluttering on the top of the pen or inside of the wire mesh. We will compare this kit to one or two strays that are tired and hungry in a state of nerves and terrified of everything. The old stray catchers knew very well that a few fluttering droppers may pull them down but they also knew that it may take more, therefore, out would go the high intensity droppers — low flying types that would hook onto any pigeon in the area. Of course, being joined by several conspecifics -- flying low in great confidence — would inspire a sense of security and at a given signal the droppers would dive down to the loft top — very often bringing with them the strays. If this failed these H.I. droppers could be "buzzed" again and again with no fear of causing them to defect. In Sheffield, we called them "Snatchers". Usually crossed Fantail Tumblers — very old and usually blind hungry — with ability to see or be aware of nothing but corn. Sexless — because of their hunger — no aggression whatever — tame — stupid perhaps. Example — I say 4 feeding while the fifth was carried away by a cat. The cat could have returned and carried off all 4, one at a time, I'm certain.

So, there you go, there are your high intensity droppers. An even more extended type was kept by Bill Purseglove of Sheffield.

No matter what height the kit was (always three), he would put out 2 print hens. These would climb and locate the kit and immediately start to pull down. Very often, the entire kit and the 2 droppers were on the loft top inside a quarter of an hour.

One observer, standing by, was so impressed that his cigar fell from his mouth and all he could say was "Bloody Hell"! Come to think of it, that's about all I could say too — in admiration of course.

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# HOW TO TRAIN DROPPERS

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A quick glance at the above title will lead many to think that the topic involves the methodology of training a kit to respond to the droppers. That is a subject in and of itself which has received attention by other authors over the years. The purpose of this article is to aquaint the readers with some of the aspects of training the droppers themselves. If the droppers do not perform correctly you cannot expect your kit to respond properly when they are deployed.

The function of the droppers is to entice the flying kit to come down. For this it is a good idea to use heavily splashed or white birds which can be easily seen by the kit and immediately recognized as the droppers and not some wild birds passing through the area. The breed used is of little consequense and in fact many use a variety of crossbreeds. It is a matter of personal tastes and availability. They all eat about the same so pick something that suits you. Pick something that will be active enough to attract the kit but not so active as to fly for any extended periods of time where they might give the kit a shot in the arm rather than drop them. If you use the droppers within a cage this latter point may be of little concern.

The droppers must be thoroughly acquainted with the loft. They must be at ease both inside and out. If the droppers are to be used exclusively inside the cage they will not have to be settled to the loft, but must be accustomed to the cage. Droppers clinging to the wire and banging against the top do not convey the tranquil atmosphere needed to let the kit know that it is safe to land. The droppers have to know that they are caged and not fight it, but move about from perch to roof actively. They have to know how to trap into the loft to convince the kit that they should too.

If the droppers are to be allowed freedom outside a cage they have to be settled to the loft. They should not be allowed to land anywhere you do not want your kit to. If they hit out of bounds rest assured the kit is sure to follow when you least want, on fly day. At most you want the droppers to fly a couple minutes circling the loft. If they strike up strongly and join the kit it may be hard to get them all down in time.

The droppers have individual temperments which should be used to your advantage. Some will enjoy the freedom and fly nicely around the yard. These are the ones to use while initially signaling the kit. They are active enough to get the attention of the kit. With judicious use they will be ready to land about the same time as the kit and be a tremendous aid in bringing the fliers down. If the kit is close to landing do not toss this type of dropper or it is liable to spook the kit.

Another type of dropper is a more tranquil soul. When tossed it proceeds directly to the loft roof. These are the ones to use as the kit is stalled out and about to commit to a touch down. They will provide the necessary pull to get the kit to land rather than veer off for another pass. But they have to be tossed in a manner so as not to spook the kit during the release of the dropper. This is more crutial at dusk than during daylight.

From the above it is seen that with free flying droppers it is advantageous to have birds of at least two tempermen-ts. The total number of droppers needed does not have to be large. A half dozen should be sufficient, but more than that can be advantageous — especially if the droppers double as feeders, etc.

It is a good idea to have a separate section of the loft for the droppers. Some even utilize a separate loft. This way when the kit sees the droppers they will be recgnized as something special and if the kit has been taught to associate the droppers with feed and landing clearance they will respond properly. If the droppers are constatnly in view of the kit in the loft this familiarity will lessen the impact when they are deployed.

Droppers should be kept in a constant state of hungriness. The desired action on the roof is brought about by conditioning them to chase after kernels of grain. An overfed bird will be reluctant to chase food and not move about as well as a hungry one. The droppers should be put into the Tippler loft and fed there with the Tipplers often enough to get the Tipplers to associate the droppers with upcoming food and for the droppers to learn that food awaits them inside the loft.

The droppers are trained with a food reward conditioning. They are worked only when hungry and rewarded with small amounts of grain when they perform properly. The more active loose flying droppers are given a few kernels of grain after they have made their brief flight around the area. They are then chased off the roof with a pole, hand, or whatever for another spin and again rewarded upon return. If the droppers are housed in a separate loft they can be taught to fly back and forth between the two. Caged droppers can be taught to move from perch to perch and then to the floor for their reward. The passive loose droppers are rewarded for their quick landing on the loft. Once on the roof they can be taught to fly from one end of the roof to the other in chase of grain. The purpose of all this training is to get them to display the action needed to pull the kit down.

Two things to be avoided in any dropper are overfeeding and agressiveness. A fat and happy bird will do what it wants to, not what you wish it to. Keep the droppers hungry, especially come fly day. It is a good idea to even skip their feeding a day or two before the fly. An agressive dropper is of no use to a Tippler flyer. Cocks tend to be more so than hens. The droppers are supposed to signify the safety and tranquility of home. This cannot be instilled on the kit if they are harrassed by some bully when they land on the loft. This is compounded if this bully is a horny cock and the kit is made up of hens. If he does not spook the hens with his agressive behavior he may convince them to subject to his amourous advances. In which case the hens may decide there is something more to life than non-stop flying for hours on end.

Different strains of birds, varying degrees of exhaustion of the kit, weather conditions, amount of light, etc., require different degrees of pull to drop the kit. The droppers performance should be taylored to these needs. A poorly trained dropper is as bad, if not worse, than no dropper at all. It can spook a kit into an overfly or some other disqualification. If one is willing to go through all the training required to get a kit of Tipplers to fly well it makes sense that proper training of the droppers should haave commenced prior to and during that of the kit. Although one can fly adequate times without droppers the only way to get proper control of kit and thereby consistantly bring out the best in them is through the discipline of training to droppers and having these droppers properly trained.

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# BASIC CONDITIONING
## (Feed-up)

**By -- John Curley**

The preconditioning before the feed-up (the feed-up itself lasts about one week before the contest) should require two weeks or more to determine if the kit is ready for intensive conditioning.

During pre feeding up, the kit should fly about four hours every other day, on barley in the hull and/or wheat. During this time stress barley but during the feed-up, use barley only if the birds condition gets too high too quickly. Small seeds should be fed during the first part of the feed-up, only if conditioning is too low too long.

The kit should be flown only two or three times during the feed-up week, successive days if necessary. Young birds will fly their last time up later in the week than old birds, but will usually need fewer flies. the successive conditioning flies during the feed-up should be increased by an additional hour.

A dose of salts (or one feeding of "greens" only) should be given at change-over from pre-training to feed-up, usually the first day.

Modified by either barley or small seeds (canary, hemp, flax, etc.) according to whether the birds are too high or too low, wheat will form about half the ration for the first three days of the feed-up. The other one half will be usually in this order, on successive days; peas, corn, and polished rice.

Almost all of this is subject to variation in proportion and order of application. Hemp is pigeon candy; not just stimulating and is, therefore, valuable in the control of the pigeons.

For the last half of the feed-up the use of wheat will be sharply reduced or eliminated and the peas, corn and rice, separately or together will be fed along with small seeds, particularly canary, in increasing amounts. There is far from complete agreement about this latter. Some say stimulating seeds on the last day will make the kit unmanageable, running risk of the birds flying out of sight too long, and that it is best to feed high carbohydrate feeds only.

About five hours before the start of the contest, give a little rice; three hours later a little seed. Even higher, calorically, would be flax. The ultimate, of course, is peanuts, but the difficulty in feeding these makes them less pigeon practical. Water should be given about one hour after feeding (an hour before the race).

With exception of race days or if need is apparent on the morning of the last (longest) training fly, birds are never fed before flying. On "off day," however, seeds are sometimes given in the morning and the grain in the evening. This enables the birds to get enough without overeating.

Low feed should be started early enough to take off all fat so that feed-up will not build too much. Sparingly, with great caution, a few small stimulating seeds may be given even during the low feed, if a morale boost seems called for.

Once a week, a pinch of ammoniated citrate of iron in the drinking water is recommended. Of course, grit and minerals should be give with the feed, but not on the day before the race. Salt in grit could cause thirst during the race.

All of this is a rough over-simplification. Many refinements are possible and will suggest themselves.

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## YOUNG TIPPLER TRAINING AND FEEDINGS

By Harry Shannon

*Harry Shannon was visiting Tom Rankin's family in the Toronto area with his lovely wife. I met him on a few occasions and was overwhelmed to have a chat with a truly great sportsman. I was very impressed with his knowledge of all the aspects of the Tippler sport. Shannon is an intelligent and nice man. He holds the young bird word record of 19:40 and the old bird world record of 22:05.*

*I could not resist the opportunity to ask him about his Tippler training and feeding program. He was kind enough to provide me with it. (Thanks Harry, I appreciate it very much.) With great pleasure, I am sharing it with all Tippler fanciers. Shannon's program will help novice and experienced Tippler fanciers and inspire many to participate in the flying Tippler competition.*

Good Luck!

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First of all you must determine the quality of your training food. As barley is the main constituent, it must be malting quality. I use only Belgan by Versalaga or Schumacher, they are freely available at home. Some fanciers use a depurative mix which is also only the best grain. This can sometimes be too rich if the weather and birds are the best. Of course, the amount given each evening must be measured. This is found by experience and should be altered depending on flying conditions, temperature and time of year etc. It should always be borne in mind that a pigeon will eat much more than it requires for 24 hours, and if you hope to get control of good birds it is here you must concentrate. They should carry no excess weight without loss of feather condition or sharpness.

When my young birds are ready to fly (about 4 to 5) they would be only offered about 1/2 feed. But, this would be of conditioning mixture. I also get them accustomed to individual kit boxes where they will eventually be kept. Young birds are happier I think if they are in visual contact with each other, and should be at ease with their owner. When they are aquainted with their surroundings and flying as a kit always being dropped by droppers after each fly they are introduced to their barley or depurative diet. It is at this stage that careful management is most important and the things to be achieved are just enough food with the right quality for birds to fly in nice

style and take notice when droppers are released, but not too much to encourage to gain weight and drop flights. If you plan to have birds 14 to 20 weeks old for competition this gives time to dark train. My method here is simple. If birds are flying too strong, do not attempt to get them to near dark but release droppers to get them down, but o days when they are not so strong I try to stretch them to dusk before I release the droppers. This way with patience and perseverance the right result can be achieved and birds will respond and stay with droppers on the coop until it is to totally dark.. Lights are on all of this time and an eye is kept for anything that may "spook" them. If your coop is so constructed that droppers can be kept in flight in view of flying birds you may be surprised how late even untrained birds will attempt to drop. I feel birds do not mind flying at dark and will eventually, providing they are happy in the loft, do everything their owner strives for.

I fly my young birds at the beginning every day until they are flying as a kit. This could be anything from their second to fifth fly. Any birds that do not conform to this are not continued with. From this stage to 3 weeks before their first competition, I only fly them twice weekly from 2 to 7 hours according to wind and weather. They would only be given the aforementioned barley. This would only be about 1/2 the amount a hungry pigeon would eat. They would also have small oil seed. This as mentioned is only gained from experience of each local flying position. Three weeks before competition, I train the kit every other day when their management is crucial to success and any birds showing any weakness are not flown (unless of course you only have 3 birds)! I do not believe it necessary to fly our birds long hours to achieve success. I think it can have just the opposite effect especially with young birds. Would we ask a 12 year old to run as an adult to run a marathon? I think not. In short do not lose the natural "bounce" of your youngsters through feeding them to fly too long or too often. Good birds will always enjoy flying and even when on a training diet may not always respond to the droppers when we consider they should be down. This is where we probably weed to give some latitude. It is inconceivable that we can keep our birds exactly as we want them for every change of wind and weather, but, we must continue to try to. That is how we can increase our knowledge and improve our management.

While training, my birds are given, weekly Epsom salts, 1 teaspoon/pint (young birds) and 2 teaspoons/ping (old birds). This is not given as a purgative and many say its unnecessary but my experience has been to see improvement when birds on occasions become "stale". Minerals are also offered and grit of course.

We must always remember what we are striving to achieve -to have the birds' bodies conditioned and ready to store the energy that we give them in a build up like a camel or a bird ready for migration. While all living things need the same nutrients and minerals I'm not so sure we can strictly follow the principles of marathon runners when bodies are depleted then loaded with carbohydrates before the race but there are many similarities.

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## YOUNG TIPPLER TRAINING AND FEEDING SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY:** PM, 50% barley, 25% mixed seeds, water
**FRIDAY:** AM, worm capsule, PM, 50% barley, 25% mixed seeds, water
**SATURDAY:** PM, 50% barley, 25% mixed seeds, water
**SUNDAY:** fly 2-7 hours, 50% barley, 25% mixed seeds, water
**MONDAY:** PM, C.L.O. in mixed seeds (50% feed), Epsom salts in water
**TUESDAY:** fly 2-7 hours, 50% grains, 25% mixed seeds, water
**WEDNESDAY:** noon, 50% grains, 50% mixed seeds, tonic in water
**THURSDAY:** 9-noon, 50% grains, 50% mixed seeds, tonic in water
**FRIDAY:** 9-noon, 50% grains, 50% mixed seeds, tonic in water
**SATURDAY:** 9-noon, 75% grains, 25% mixed seeds, water boiled and cooled
**SUNDAY:** 6 hours before liberation birds should want only about 25% to 50% feed of only mixed seeds and water

**TRAINING MIX:** barley mixed with 10-15% oil seeds
**FEED-UP MIX:** maple peas, maize, dari, tares and small carbohydrate seeds
I believe in a good variety of grains and seeds.

## FOOD CHART IN PERCENTAGES

| | Minerals/salts | Water | Fiber | Protein | Carbohydrate | Fat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BARLEY** | | 10.6 | 5.4 | 12.7 | 66.6 | 1.9 |
| **MAIZE** | | 15.0 | 2.0 | 8.9 | 68.9 | 3.9 |
| **MAPLE PEAS** | | 14.0 | 5.4 | 22.5 | 59.1 | 0.9 |
| **TARES** | | 13.2 | 6.0 | 20.0 | 55.8 | 1.7 |
| **DARI** | | 10.6 | 2.2 | 11.3 | 71.3 | 2.9 |
| **CANARY** | 7.0 | 15.0 | | 14.0 | 52.0 | 5.5 |
| **MILLET** | 3.0 | 14.0 | | 15.0 | 57.0 | 4.0 |
| **RAPE** | 4.0 | 7.0 | | 22.0 | 20.0 | 40.0 |
| **NIGER** | 3.0 | 12.0 | | 21.0 | 22.0 | 40.0 |
| **FLAXSEED** | 4.0 | 9.0 | 5.5 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 34.0 |

**Editor's note** -- In the above feeding schedule the percentages listed are that of what a hungry bird would normally eat to its satisfaction. During the first half of the schedule you feed less than the birds actually want and build to full feed towards the end of the feed-up.

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## Deutsche Flugtippler-Union

S. Robert Powell also owns a large collection of the **NEWSLETTERS** of the Deutsche Flugtippler-Union. These DFU **NEWSLETTERS** have not been included in this microfilm edition of SRP's Flying Tippler papers.

Special thanks to Heinz H. Kaupschafer (D-4270 Dorsten/Westfallen 1, Am Scholzbach 93, Germany) for sending these DFU **NEWSLETTERS** to SRP during the years that he served as Secretary of the Flying Tippler Association of America. (A reciprocal arrangement exists, whereby copies of the **NEWSLETTER** of the Flying Tippler Association of America are sent to the secretary of the Deutsche Flugtippler-Union, and copies of the DFU's **NEWSLETTER** are sent to the secretary of the FTA.)

Here are the specific DFU **NEWSLETTERS** in SRP's collection of Flying Tippler papers:

DFU **NEWSLETTER,** October 1989

DFU **NEWSLETTER,** 1990 (Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10)

DFU **NEWSLETTER,** 1991 (Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

DFU **NEWSLETTER,** 1992 (Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

DFU **NEWSLETTER,** 1993 (Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

DFU **NEWSLETTER,** 1994 (Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

DFU **NEWSLETTER,** 1995 (Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

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# SOME CLOSING COMMENTS

Three cheers for Tim Kvidera, Jerry O'Rourke, and Joe Russo! The FTA 1998 HANDBOOK is a wonderful document. It's exactly what the FTA needs to give it that extra push into the next millennium. At the same time—and very significantly—it records "from whence we have come."

I feel very good about having organized my flying tippler papers for microfilming. Again, I must express my sincere thanks to Stanley Ogozalek, Tom Murphy, R. Omer Ogren, and Frank E. O'Neil for having lent, made available, or given me a wide range of flying tippler materials, all of which are included in this microfilm edition of my flying tippler papers. My sincere thanks to each of them for their enlightened generosity and thoughtfulness.

Not surprisingly, having focused a considerable amount of time and energy to my flying tippler papers in recent weeks and months, I am all fired up to raise and fly lots of young flying tipplers this spring. I don't have a large number of birds (about 15), but the birds I do have are all very good. They all descend from superior birds—particularly a blue bar cock (FTA-84-340) and a dark grizzle cock (FTA-85-3853)—that I acquired from Stanley Ogozalek many years ago.

To raise and fly tipplers is a wonderful adventure. It gives me as much pleasure today as it did more than four decades ago, when I first started to raise and fly pigeons.

S. Robert Powell
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